

**From:** [Edwin Gredvig](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Items 14,19 & 20  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:12:04 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors;

As a constituent of your's and a resident of L.A County, I ask you to support items on the agenda that will assist the Santa Anita Racetrack to re open for spectator-less racing.

While you will receive many emails on these items, my reasons are simple. While we hope things return to normal, we all know that things may never return to normal. Currently only horse racing, sans fans, is successfully running in 4 other states and providing live sports entertainment to millions of us who are following stay at home orders.

For the 750 backstretch workers who are confined and taking care of some 1600 plus thoroughbreds at Santa Anita track, it gives them a chance to completely do their job, earn a living, not collect unemployment and remaining safe from the outside world. And the horses running under complete supervision will provide tv entertainment while producing much needed tax dollars for the city of Arcadia and L.A. County.

While the term of opening the economy is a risk everywhere in the state, returning to horse racing at Santa Anita Park offers no risk while accomplishing a slice of how things have been in the past and how we hope will be again in the future.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Angela Blakes](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 14 worker protections. Item 19 Safely Reopen LA County, Item 20 LA County Roadmap  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:27:47 PM

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To: Board of Supervisors

I am sending this email in support of horseracing and the reopening of Santa Anita. I support the plan to practice social distancing

guidelines and onsite jockey colony so they can begin racing. It is in the best interest of the horses and the workers to start racing again

to provide their income and healthcare.

Your attention and response to this urgent matter is greatly appreciated .

Thank you !

**From:** [George Bradvica](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [dereklawson47@hotmail.com](mailto:dereklawson47@hotmail.com); [Delvina Kolic](#); [Tim Fennell](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting April 28, 2020 Items 14, 19  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:31:18 PM

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To: L.A. County Board

I am writing to address the meeting on Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

The first item I want to address is No. 14: Workers' Protection

The care of thoroughbred race horses at Santa Anita, and every track in the world, takes skill, care and a special knowledge of how to work around 1000-1200 pound animals who are lightning quick and dangerous at any moment in time. These are generally trained, domesticated animals, but the nature of a horse is flight when scared or suddenly surprised. They may go from tame to scared in a second depending upon noise or movements not telegraphed. As a result, it takes incredible attention to detail and attention to each individual horse when in close quarters (like a stall or shedrow or even on the racetrack) to be aware of a horse's tendencies and patience and tolerance to sudden changes in the horse's periphery vision and very acute hearing. The handlers of the horses at the racetrack are especially adept at anticipating and "feeling" a horses extra sensory movements; they must be acutely aware because horses in training at racetracks are highly strung and ready to "go" in a moments notice.

These handlers live at the racetrack in quarters either above, or next to, the stalls where the horses live. Horses are paradoxically fragile yet powerful. The handlers have one eye closed and the other eye half open but their ears are on alert 24/7. Any unusual noise coming from any stall is investigated immediately. At night, a horse may colic and as a result, roll around and thrash their stall. A handler will be there immediately to alert the trainer and try to comfort the horse. These handlers, many in fact, have been taking care of thoroughbred horses for 30 years or more. They do not own their own homes. They live at the racetrack. They must live at the racetrack for the reasons mentioned above.

Without live horse racing, the horse racing industry will collapse. When horses run in races, purse money is distributed to the owners who in turn pay the trainer who pays the handlers. Without any one of these stakeholders living in harmony and earning wages, the industry cannot survive. To protect these handlers, the races must be allowed to continue under the strict protocols introduced by Santa Anita and approved by the health experts. Without racing, there is no money to operate the racetrack and there is no money to support the trainers and the handlers. Horse racing supports and huge cast of business people in all walks of life. Without racing, the horse racing industry and all vendors and suppliers will go bankrupt and the industry will not survive or return.

Please protect the horse handlers by allowing racing to continue at Santa Anita immediately which will generate wages to thousands of stakeholders providing services for the industry. Thank you.

The second item I want to address is No. 19: Safely reopening Santa Anita for live horse racing with the grandstand empty.

For the reasons stated above, it's all about people and their ability to feed their families and support the entire industry so that it doesn't collapse.

Santa Anita has provided the most extensive health protocols relative to any other business you will address. The complex relationship of people in horse racing is even more acute with the addition of living animals who need to be cared for 24/7, which makes your granting the reopening of Santa Anita for live racing all the more important. It's critical! It's life or death, frankly. We are dealing with live animals who are helpless without the human touch and caring.

Please think of the animals and the people who care for them. It's about them. Please be passionate for their survival! Think about this: if the industry collapses, where will the horses go. There are not enough after-care farms to take nearly any of the 2500 horses in Southern California. It would be a moral disaster to allow horse racing to collapse.

Please allow Santa Anita to reopen for live racing for the survival and lives of people and horses! We call on the L.A. County Board to make the correct affirmation for thousands of people and animals. Thank you for your passionate decision!

**From:** [Laura Lock](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 Board Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:29:19 AM

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Item 14-Worker Protections;  
Item 19 Safely Reopening LA County;  
Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

On the April 28 Board Meeting you will be considering the above items. Santa Anita Race track has submitted a plan to re-open live racing which was suspended by Supervisor Barger on March 27 after Santa Anita had been successfully been running spectator free voluntarily for 2 weeks.

Over 700 people live on the backside taking care the horses. Racing pays for taking care of the people and the retired horses. The people that run the races are the same people that take care of the horses and live in an enclosed environment at the track. A thoughtful plan made with the assistance of doctors was submitted to the County. Please approve the plan and let us get back to taking care of the people and the animals.

How is the Arboretum across the street open to the general public but the contained environment of the track is not allowed to race? Let the horses run.

Laura Lock,  
Los Angeles, CA  
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [dropdeck2@aol.com](mailto:dropdeck2@aol.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 14 worker protections, item 19 safely reopening La County, Item 20 LA county road map to economic recovery April 28,2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:41:50 AM

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Good Morning

I am writing to address the need for Santa Anita Park to be reopened for spectator-free racing. There are 750 people working there that depend on the income from racing for their housing and benefits. Not to mention the 1700 horses on the grounds that need daily care no mater what. You can look at other tracks that are currently running without spectators to see that it can be done. In fact Stronach's Gulfstream park is currently running and so they know what needs to be done to keep people safe under these trying times. As Ms. Stronach said so well.... "Our community also is made up of the owners and trainers who employ the jockeys and backstretch employees and who are responsible for providing the financial resources needed to care for the horses. The majority of the wages paid to those working on the backstretch and the financial resources to care for horses come directly from the earnings that are made when horses race. Those earnings come from the money wagered and so the cycle goes."

Beckie McClintick

**From:** [George Ortuzar](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:10:23 AM

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I would like to ask that you allow Santa Anita to run spectator-less for the well-being of the horses and the backstretch workers. Santa Anita has put in tremendous protocols for every ones safety.

Please consider Item 19 Safely Reopening LA County; Item 14 - Worker Protections; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to economic Recovery.

But most importantly please consider the horses and the people.

Sincerely  
Jorge Ortuzar

**From:** [Mitzi Winks](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Resumption "Spectatorless" Live Racing - Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:03:34 AM

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Dear Board Members:

This comment is in regards to your Tuesday Meeting, April 28, 2020 regarding Item 14 - Worker Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County and Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.

As you already know, there are ZERO reports of positive COVID-19 infections at Santa Anita (where hundreds are employed to care for the livestock - i.e., horses) and Los Alamitos, Orange County, which is a strong indicator that appropriate measures and protocols are in place already at those facilities.

The benefit of resuming live racing is that the revenue from T.V. exposure and betting transactions (online) is that it helps defray some of the costs that owners and trainers are experiencing in paying employees caring for these animal athletes. As responsible citizens who have a moral charge for animal welfare in your jurisdiction this would be an initial first step in the re-opening process, and support the subsistence of many.

Since the general public is NOT on the premises and has NO access to the backside, there is minimal risk of introducing new cases.

Please thoughtfully consider the Santa Anita proposal and its economic impact.

Sincerely,

Mitzi Winks  
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**From:** [Terie](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 14-worker protections;item19 Safley reopening la; item 20 La county roadmap  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:15:19 AM

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Please re open Santa Anita for human and equine welfare  
“750 backstretch workers risk losing income, housing, health benefits without the financial support that racing provides. We are making a responsible/reasonable request to protect public health and the well-being of horses/workers. CA racing can help power our economic recovery.” Reopen Santa Anita

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [VICTOR ASTA](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** SANTA ANITA RACING  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:16:13 AM

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14-Worker Protections; 19-Safely Reopening LA County; or 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.

Please consider opening Santa Anita so they can take care of their horses. They need the income to help in this function. Look how many people will not need to file for benefits, why are others open and not SA. Take a look at the tracks that are running and you will see that it is perfectly safe. Also another fact is people like me I am 74 years old and have nothing to do. Playing the races keeps me busy and of sane mind. I mostly play Santa Anita, so there are days with nothing except tracks I am not familiar with their horses. **WHAT HARM IS THERE IN RUNNING WITHOUT SPECTATORS IF OTHERS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT INCIDENT.** Please let Santa Anita resume racing

sincerely

VIC ASTA

**From:** [Ken Shonk](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Items 14, 19 & 20.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:19:43 AM

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Simply put, please allow Santa Anita to have racing.

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**From:** [Joseph Nunan](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28 Meeting Agenda Items 14, 19, 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:21:04 AM

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Please allow Santa Anita to open for spectator-less racing. The closure has caused great damage to the industry and the many, many people who make their living in it. It is causing needless human hardships and suffering.

Joseph Nunan

**From:** [Samantha Cripps](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:21:16 AM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regard to:

Item 14-worker protections  
Item 19- Safely reopening LA county  
Item 20- LA County roadmap to economic recovery

Which I understand will be discussed on Tuesday, April 26, 2020.

As we continue to navigate these uncertain times it is important to keep the safety of people and to start opening businesses. Horse racing has proven in multiple locations that it is possible to race while keeping everyone safe. I strongly encourage you to consider the opening of Santa Anita to allow the fragile ecosystem that is horse racing to continue for the welfare of the horses and the people who take care of them every day.

Thank you,  
Samantha Cripps

**From:** [steph2729](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28 meeting. Items 19 & 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:56:43 AM

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Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

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From: steph2729 <steph2729@aol.com>  
Date: 4/27/20 7:24 AM (GMT-06:00)  
To: PublicComments@boslacounty.gov  
Subject: April 28 meeting. Items 19 & 20

Dear LA county board members,

I am located in Mississippi, but have an interest in the reopening of Santa Anita racetrack, as I have 2 horses that are based there. Workers are already there taking care of and exercising these horses. If Santa Anita is allowed to open, not only will it help all the owners, trainers, and backstretch workers, but also the track as funds from online betting will be coming in since horseracing is the only sport fans and gamblers can bet on during this time! Allowing the racetrack to open for spectator free racing now, will help keep trainers and owners happy so they do not pack up and move to another state for racing in the future which will damage the economy there in the long run. Please consider opening for spectator free racing.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Pleasants

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**From:** [Rodney Anderson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** SUBMITTED QUESTION: B.O.S. meeting April 28, agenda item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:31:33 AM

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Hello,

Thank you for taking my question. It is directed towards **ITEM 19** on the **April 28** agenda:

*"There's growing concern that a small number within the animal extremist groups were able to obtain significant influence over the District 5 office and Public Health Dept in their decision to halt afternoon racing operations at Santa Anita. Why did the request to stop racing receive immediate attention, but the detailed and thorough plan by Santa Anita to resume racing receive little to no response? When can Santa Anita (and the entire local racing industry) expect to receive a fair decision? Our voices seem to have been muted or dismissed."*

Thanks for your response.

Rodney Anderson

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**From:** [Steve and Lisa Zerda](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:00:06 AM

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Dear Supervisors:

Please consider opening Santa Anita for racing without spectators. This is economic progress with very little if any incremental risk. It supports hundreds of current workers that will lose their jobs soon if horses and their owners are not given any opportunities for purses.

Steve Zerda  
President  
Z Thoroughbred Racing LLC

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**From:** [Exline, Ryan](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comments Santa Anita  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 3:21:16 PM  
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Board of Supervisors-

The County of Los Angeles has a responsibility to represent all citizens of Los Angeles county. You have failed at doing your elected jobs by allowing the LA County Arboretum to remain open, while Santa Anita Race track has been forced to close by your office. Since you haven't taken the time to come out to Arcadia to see firsthand what is happening to the citizens you represent, I would like to share with you the experience that I have witnessed, in hopes that you make the time to hop on your helicopter and take a quick flight to see what is going on. The Arboretum is operated by the County of Los Angeles, you have an elected and civil responsibility to uphold social distancing standards in guidelines at the Arboretum. You have failed to do so. Thousands of people are lining up daily to attend events at this location. The parking lot is packed, you don't have enough staff on hands to control the venue, and many people are on site without wearing proper PPE. You have decided that for whatever reason, this garden will remain open, meanwhile many other statewide parks and beaches are closed. I am not going to attempt to understand your reasoning on keeping the Arboretum open, but I do question why Santa Anita Park, located a few hundred feet away, is not allowed to operate their business. There are 750 employees living at Santa Anita, that without racing, they will not have a job or a place to live if Santa Anita is not allowed to open. Santa Anita has gone above and beyond to not only meet social distancing guidelines but exceed them. In fact, you could probably learn a thing or two from Santa Anita, simply putting their plan in place at Arboretum would make it a safer venue for your staff and the citizens of Los Angeles county. Santa Anita is not open to the public, unlike the Arboretum, as a result there is a much lower risk of the spread of Covid-19 at Santa Anita. The track has put a plan in place with addresses any outstanding concerns the county has with the park reopening. Whether you agree with the spirit of horse racing or not, you have been elected to believe in the citizens of Los Angeles. You have grossly neglected the people who work and live at Santa Anita, and you have grossly neglected anyone visiting the petri dish of bad decisions you call The Arboretum. I am asking you to put parameters in place to keep people safe at Arboretum,(you have failed miserably at this), and reopen Santa Anita park under strict social distancing guidelines.

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**From:** [Doug O'Neill](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please resume racing at Santa Anita!  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 7:29:53 PM

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Lives depend on it!  
Grateful,  
Doug O'Neill  
310-922-4530

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [ANDREW M HARRINGTON](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please allow Santa Anita to run and help all the workers there.  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:37:57 PM

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Hi.

Santa Anita has clearly worked hard in putting in effective protocols to keep everyone safe (no Covid cases so far)--This is the goal, correct?

My livelihood depends on these wonderful animals doing what they clearly want to do (I watch them every morning). Please allow spectator-less racing to resume.

Thanks!

Andrew Harrington

**From:** [Dan Barrett](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** OPEN SANTA ANITA  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:45:52 PM

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I wish to have my voice heard, please open Santa Anita for live racing. As of now exactly the same people will be there with or without. Trainers, grooms, hot walkers, exercise riders, backstretch workers are already there. We will take what ever precautions you deem necessary. Thank you for your time.

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Thanks,



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**From:** [Geoff Shackelford](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 Agenda item: Santa Anita horse racing  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:52:58 PM

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To the Board of Supervisors,

As a strong advocate of the County's efforts to stop the COVID-19 spread, I still must say I'm dismayed at two policy inconsistencies that seem to disregard common sense.

Namely, that the Los Angeles County Arboretum remains open to "members" (and sold out crowds backing up onto Baldwin) while COVID-19 free backstretch workers are locked in at Santa Anita, without live racing that functioned well without fans and in danger of destroying one of the few industries that can keep operating and generating funds without spreading the virus.

Furthermore, county golf courses also remain closed even though the sport can easily spread players out through the property by well-spaced tee time management. Again, when juxtaposed against the Arboretum remaining open, it's hard for even this supporter of your efforts to wonder what motivates the stark inconsistency of policy.

Please let Santa Anita run races again to save jobs and protect horse racing. And please, either close the Arboretum until allowing golfers to engage in a similar bit of recreation as Arboretum visitors, only better spaced and generating real revenue for the county.

Sincerely,  
Geoff Shackelford

**From:** [Bruce](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:56:52 PM

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Please return horse racing with no fans in attendance. Lots of jobs depend on it. No cases have been found there. Please open back up now like Orange County...

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Dennis O'Neill](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa anita  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 8:59:42 PM

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My name is Dennis O'Neill and I am one of the thousands of persons affected by the closure of Santa Anita race track. This closure affects my wife, (mutual teller), sister in law, (also mutual teller) brother, brother in law, etc. The rules and regulations the management team has put in place are above and beyond anything that anyone could possibly expect. I have not been allowed on the backside for 6 weeks.

In items 14 and 19 at your Tuesday meeting, you will be taking up items that directly effect racing at Santa Anita . We just are praying that you will base your decision on the facts of this situation and not other factor. The animal extremists have been trying to close us down for years and are using this pandemic as their latest way to do that.

**From:** [TROY TABAK](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:03:47 PM

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APRIL 28 , 2020 AGENDA: **ALLOW SANTA ANITA TO HAVE LIVE RACING**

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN...

MY NAME IS TROY TABAK , I AM PRESIDENT OF LOCAL 280 AND WILL MAKE THIS STATEMENT REGARDING THE HEARING TO ALLOW SANTA ANITA TO HAVE LIVE RACING WHILE THE STATE IS STAY HOME ORDER. UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IT SEEMS CRAZY TO ALLOW THE RACES TO RUN, HOWEVER WE NOW SEE THE COUNTRY AND THIS STATE IN THE PROCESS TO MOVE TO OPEN BUSINESSES. SO NOW IS A GREAT TIME AND THE PERFECT BUSINESS TO OPEN. THE PROTOCOLS SANTA ANITA WILL PUT IN PLACE SHOW THAT THEY ARE TAKING THIS VERY SERIOUS AND HAVE A GREAT PLAN IN PLACE. I ASK THE BOARD TO ALLOW SANTA ANITA TO HAVE LIVE RACES NOW.

THANK YOU

TROY TABAK

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**From:** [Sarah Segal](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re-Opening of Santa Anita  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:21:39 PM

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**CRITICAL CALL TO ACTION RE: THE RE-OPENING OF SANTA ANITA.**  
Attention LA County Board of Supervisors:

See below for my public comment on the following agenda items for Tuesday's meeting.

Agenda Item

14. "Worker protections."

Why should LA County waste critical PPE on non-essential businesses?!

15. "Testing in congregate living environments."

There are no cases of COVID-19 at the racetracks because there is no active testing. Again- using precious resources on testing non-essential workers. These tests should all be used for first responders, police officers, firefighters, hospital workers, food service workers, grocery store workers, etc. NOT a frigging racetrack. Persons can be asymptomatic carriers. This is not a quarantined environment. People and horses come and go from every track.

19. "Safely reopening LA County."

There is no safe way to race horses, especially during a high contagious and deadly pandemic. The Governor does not want mass gatherings until there is a vaccine and we have herd immunity. He defines "mass gatherings" starting with people numbering in the 100s.

SANTA ANITA HAS OVER 700 PEOPLE working there, plus people coming and going.

**Best Practices Guidelines for Equestrian Facilities**

It is necessary to act in a manner that incorporates Governor Newsom's Executive Orders to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and protect California families and communities. To that end, the CDFA recommends the following:

Limit the number of personnel on the farm at any one time to ensure physical distancing. Use an online sign-up form to limit the number of individuals at the barn at anyone time to no more than 10 individuals.

All individuals must stay 6 feet apart and must not congregate.

Sarah Segal  
Resident & taxpayer of California

<https://www.instagram.com/beachpetsla/>

**From:** [Reina Gonzalez](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Racing at Santa Anita and Golden Gate  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:30:31 PM

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From: **Reina Gonzalez** <[rgnracing@gmail.com](mailto:rgnracing@gmail.com)>  
Date: Sun, Apr 26, 2020, 8:24 PM  
Subject: Racing at Santa Anita and Golden Gate  
To: <[publiccomments@bos.lac](mailto:publiccomments@bos.lac)>

Please hear us! We are following ALL protocol and employ 77k people and generate thousands of income for the state! Our horses and racing are our life please let us resume! We are a close community but work outside far from each other with masks and gloves. We can help bring the economy back! We are checked every day as to symptoms or any signs of virus...let us help the state!

Sincerely,  
Reina E.Gonzalez

**From:** [SUSAN BLOOM](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** meeting April 28, 2020  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:41:49 PM

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It should be of your concern the number of employees that are being affected with no racing being run at Santa Anita. We need racing to start so that people have work, the horses are doing and being cared for what they love doing. I have grown up going to Santa Anita and have gone from being a little girls going with her grandfather to being an owner. I invite you to come and see the backside of Santa Anita to see the love, care and compassion and those affected by racing being suspended. We need it to resume ASAP

Item 14- worker protections ( SA grooms etc) Item 19-Safely Reopening LA County (Santa Anita) Item 20- LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

Susan Bloom

**From:** [BeholderBradyFan@tvc.com](mailto:BeholderBradyFan@tvc.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** August 28, 2020 Meeting: Live Horse Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:38:51 PM

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To Whom This May Concern:

My name is Terri Bey and I am writing to express my support of reopening Santa Anita Racetrack for LIVE racing WITHOUT spectators. The track has expressly stated to the LA County Health Dept and to the racing public that they have stringent safety and cleanliness rules in place to protect both the workers/jockeys and the public.

It will be a detriment to the horses, if they do not race in a live racing setting. They are bred to race and not just exercise and do gallops and workouts, which is all that is allowed right now. The racehorses are equine athletes and training for training's sake does not help them as athletes. If they are not racing in races, their development as racehorses are stunted and they will not progress to the next level as racehorses. This is especially true of 2 year olds. If the 2 year old racehorses are not allowed to run in their 2 year old races, they don't learn how to become racehorses. They don't learn from their mistakes in a race, where a jockey can try to correct them during the race and then post race, the jockey and trainer can get together to try to fix the mistakes, so the horse learns for the next time in both training and then for his or her next race. A promising 2 year old will never learn how to blossom into his or her potential, if all he or she is doing is just being allowed to train and train and not allowed to race. A three year old will not progress to becoming a potential Kentucky Derby prospect, etc. These horses need to race.

Live racing needs to resume because the purse money that comes from the betting provides income for the backstretch workers. Even with no spectators, millions and millions of dollars are bet on tracks operated with no spectators, like Oaklawn Park in Arkansas. The backstretch works receive their income, health insurance and a place to live, all because of live racing. It is imperative that these workers get back to work. After all, other tracks like the aforementioned Oaklawn Park and Gulfstream Park in Florida could find ways to safely operate without fans, I don't see why Santa Anita can not.

The Los Angeles County Arboretum, which is across the street from the racetrack is allowed to be open and have visitors. However, Santa Anita Racetrack which was operating with NO SPECTATORS and was taking strict safety precautions in the first place, got shut down by the L.A. County Health Department on March 27th, due to a "complaint." The fact that the Arboretum is open, albeit with social distancing rules, but Santa Anita Racetrack, which was operating with NO SPECTATORS, is not, is not a good look, either.

I ask you to re-open Santa Anita for LIVE racing WITHOUT spectators.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Terri Bey  
Lexington, KY

**From:** [Tony Valazza](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 10:35:36 PM

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I hope that you will let racing resume at Santa Anita once again. It seems like they have been able to be safe through all of this and many folks have suffered financially. Please. Thanks

Tony Valazza

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [dashdashjudy@gmail.com](mailto:dashdashjudy@gmail.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re-opening of Santa Anita for live racing without spectators  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:34:12 PM

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Santa Anita has worked hard to be responsible and reasonable to protect public health as well as the well-being of the horses and workers. It ran live racing beginning March 12 without spectators. The track has been closed to the public since that time. The workers are temp tested daily, all workers (including pony riders, gate crew, etc.) wear masks and practice social distancing. Only necessary people are allowed on the track. Sanitation stations are in every barn and all over the track. Santa Anita has been working closely with doctors and done what has been recommended. They have presented extremely strict plans in the event of resumption of live racing. More than 750 back stretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides. These people are sheltering at home; the backstretch is their home. There's a health clinic on the backstretch to provide health care. All dependent on money from betting (which is done online). Other businesses are affected. Feed companies, farriers, veterinarians, and so many more. California horse racing can help power our economic recovery.

Other tracks all over the country and world have been providing live racing without spectators safely. This proves it can be done and has been done at Santa Anita. Their proposals are even stronger. California could set the standard. They have proposed housing for personnel like the gate crew, jockeys, and other essential personnel and more separation.

Please consider re-opening Santa Anita for live racing without spectators with the proposal Santa Anita has put in front of you.

**From:** [Sunnyside Equine](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:41:54 AM

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Once every employee on the Backstretch is tested and the positives isolated for the 14 days or treated, there is no reason to resume racing.

I am a thoroughbred trainer and Without testing, masks, social distancing; it is a dangerous situation

Thank you

Sent from [Outlook Mobile](#)

**From:** [Julian & Judy Williams](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:29:19 AM

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Hello,

I'm writing today to ask you to please reopen Santa Anita; the track has put guidelines in place and they are willing to do anything else you require. Without Santa Anita's opening the backstretch workers will soon have no jobs and many of the horses will find themselves on the way to slaughter.

We've seen over the last months successful meets at Gulfstream Park, Oaklawn Park and Tampa Bay Downs. It's possible to operate a meet under our current COVID restrictions.

Thank you,

Judy Williams

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**From:** [Ike Hawkins](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:40:47 AM

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Please follow the example of Oaklawn Park in Arkansas, Gulfstream Park in Florida, and Remington Park in Oklahoma, in authorizing horseracing without fans until it is safe to proceed normally. The proposal put forward by The Stronach Group provides excellent safeguards. The need to care for and exercise the horses in the mornings is a labor-intensive obligation which must continue. This gam plan protects and saves jobs and assures that the farm and breeding industries that surround horseracing will also be preserved.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ike F.Hawkins  
Averse Risk, LLC

**From:** [Jamie Givner](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 20 meeting @ 9:30 re: live racing resumption  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:58:40 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of NY (Queens) who works in television broadcasting for NYRA. Since the start of this virus NYC has been greatly affected and was quickly labeled the epicenter of infections. Due to the nature of our work, my department has been considered essential, or so they say. We currently broadcast Oaklawn and Tampa Bay Downs since Santa Anita has been ordered to close. While we are on the fence about feeling fortunate about still being employed and feeling like we are being faced with too much risk by going to work, for ourselves and loved ones, we all deep down wish every racetrack would be ordered to close until further notice. If there is no content for a show, we will have no work and will be able to stay home and stay safe with our families. That is most important. The health and safety of everyone, not everyone's access to entertainment. So you see, allowing racing in CA greatly affects those across the country in NYS who will have to report to work, in the worst conditions, unsafely risking their health just to coddle the whining racing community. I too am a part of the racing structure and yet I vote against bringing racing back or any US track continuing during this frightening time. Please, please, please DO NOT allow racing to resume at Santa Anita until this virus dies down. Workers across the country beg you!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [thorostride\\_](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing at Santa Anita - Apr. 28, 2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:03:47 AM

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Good morning, this is in reference to tomorrow's meeting to discuss the possible re-opening of Santa Anita.

I would encourage the Board to let racing begin at Santa Anita. The local racing community has gone to great lengths to provide a safe environment for workers and horses alike in the midst of the coronavirus epidemic, and not being able to race is having detrimental effects on the backside community. To be clear, not re-opening carries grave risks to the men and women who diligently care for the horses we all love.

Kind regards, Lucas Marquardt

**From:** [D Lew](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Reopen Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:05:42 AM

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Let 'em race.

Why are the decision makers so insensitive?

THANK YOU

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**From:** [nanaEBS.h](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:33:52 AM

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I am making a responsible and reasonable request to protect public health and the well-being of horses and workers. California horse racing can help power our economic recovery. Please consider reinstating non spectator racing at Santa Anita Race track. The horses require it and backstretch workers are desperate for the work.

Renee Harmon

**From:** [Michael Stiegel](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:34:39 AM

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Pls open Santa Anita

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Waddell Hancock](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:06:17 AM

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I am a thoroughbred owner from Kentucky and have had horses in training with Dick Mandella in California for the last ten years. My horses are stabled there because I know they get the best of care and chance to succeed with this wonderful trainer. The opportunity is not there due to the restrictions the Health Board of LA has put on Santa Anita. Other tracks in the country and even in California are running successfully without the spread of Covid 19. I certainly hope that the board will look favorably on reopening Santa Anita with the protocol management has put forth. If the horses cannot compete there is a bigger chance they can hurt themselves and if they cannot run, I am afraid owners will look at other tracks where there is opportunity to run and California will suffer a loss in the population of horses.

Thank you for every consideration,  
Dell Hancock  
Claiborne Farm  
Paris, KY

**From:** [MICHEAL VALIANTE](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Points to consider regarding Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:11:14 AM

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Prohibiting racing with protocols at Santa Anita is neither logical nor equitable. Please consider...

- A shutdown prevents those who must continue to work on the backstretch, to care for the welfare of the horses, from earning a living.
- A shutdown decreases revenue to the state at a time when it is desperately needed.
- If indoor liquor sales can be classified as “safe and essential”, so too can outdoor racing.
- A shutdown prohibits the viewing public from having a form of entertainment that serves as a respite from the boredom and stress being imposed on them.
- The shutdown effects an industry with a large immigrant participation rate. These individuals came to this country to share in its opportunities. Let's make sure they are not victims of government overreach.
- For the individual worker, every job is essential. Bureaucrats who are getting paid have no right to deny others their pursuit of happiness and their right to earn a living.
- Racing is being held safely with protocols at number of other tracks.

Thank you for your time.

**From:** [antonina cacioppo](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:22:47 AM

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Please open Santa Anita  
We have made all provisions for safe fan free racing

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [SUSAN BLOOM](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** meeting April 28, 2020  
**Date:** Sunday, April 26, 2020 9:41:49 PM

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It should be of your concern the number of employees that are being affected with no racing being run at Santa Anita. We need racing to start so that people have work, the horses are doing and being cared for what they love doing. I have grown up going to Santa Anita and have gone from being a little girls going with her grandfather to being an owner. I invite you to come and see the backside of Santa Anita to see the love, care and compassion and those affected by racing being suspended. We need it to resume ASAP

Item 14- worker protections ( SA grooms etc) Item 19-Safely Reopening LA County (Santa Anita) Item 20- LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

Susan Bloom

**From:** [Patrick V](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Fan  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:47:15 AM

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I do appreciate going out to Santa Anita where you can see sports entertainment for a reasonable price. Laker and Dodger tickets are very expensive. Horse racing offers something for a middle class person. A horse racing fan, that wants to spend around fifty dollars a day on: betting on a few races, food and parking.

Nobody wants to see the horses hurt. Everybody loses trainers, owners and fans. I am confident in the future that there will be more safety improvements. Also please think about the employees that count on horse racing for their lively hood.

Best, Patrick Vincent

**From:** [Diane Fradkin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28th BOS Hearing - Agenda Item 19 - Reopening LA County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:48:56 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Honorable LA County Board of Supervisors:

I would like to request that the Board of Supervisors and the LA County Health Department immediately clear Santa Anita Park to allow for racing in the afternoons without the public.

Its time to understand the logistics here.....

1. Currently training is taking place daily.....afternoon racing 4 days a week (Thurs - Sun) would not be much different than training in the morning hours 7 days a week. There really isn't much difference and I would strongly urge you to allow for racing to commence immediately.....protocols are already in place and have been successful.
2. **The County owned Arboretum across the street from Santa Anita Park is currently OPEN to the public**.....since this is open, there is no reason for racing (without the public) not to commence immediately.....what's good for the goose is good for the gander! (The optics are such that you are discriminating against Santa Anita Park!)
3. The handle through betting (online) helps to fund the backstretch employee's health care services. Without racing, this is directly affecting the ability to keep necessary healthy care services running.
4. Through racing, the owners share their winnings (when the horses place) with the barns that take care of these horses. This means that the grooms and other stable workers for horses that run 1st, 2nd or 3rd, receive a bonus. When racing doesn't happen, the stable workers are losing out on this bonus payment.
5. As a horse lover and owner, my husband and I have horses in training (paid by the owners).....you have taken away the ability to off set the training cost by not having racing in the afternoons.....this is unsustainable for owners. **Without owners, the trainers and stable workers don't get paid.**

The daily CV statistics shown in the OC Register shows a big drop in deaths for California.....this is good. (See attached graph)

**I urge you, based on the facts provided to you in this email, to immediately agree to allow for racing in the afternoons at Santa Anita Park.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Fradkin  
714-914-8047

# California's curve

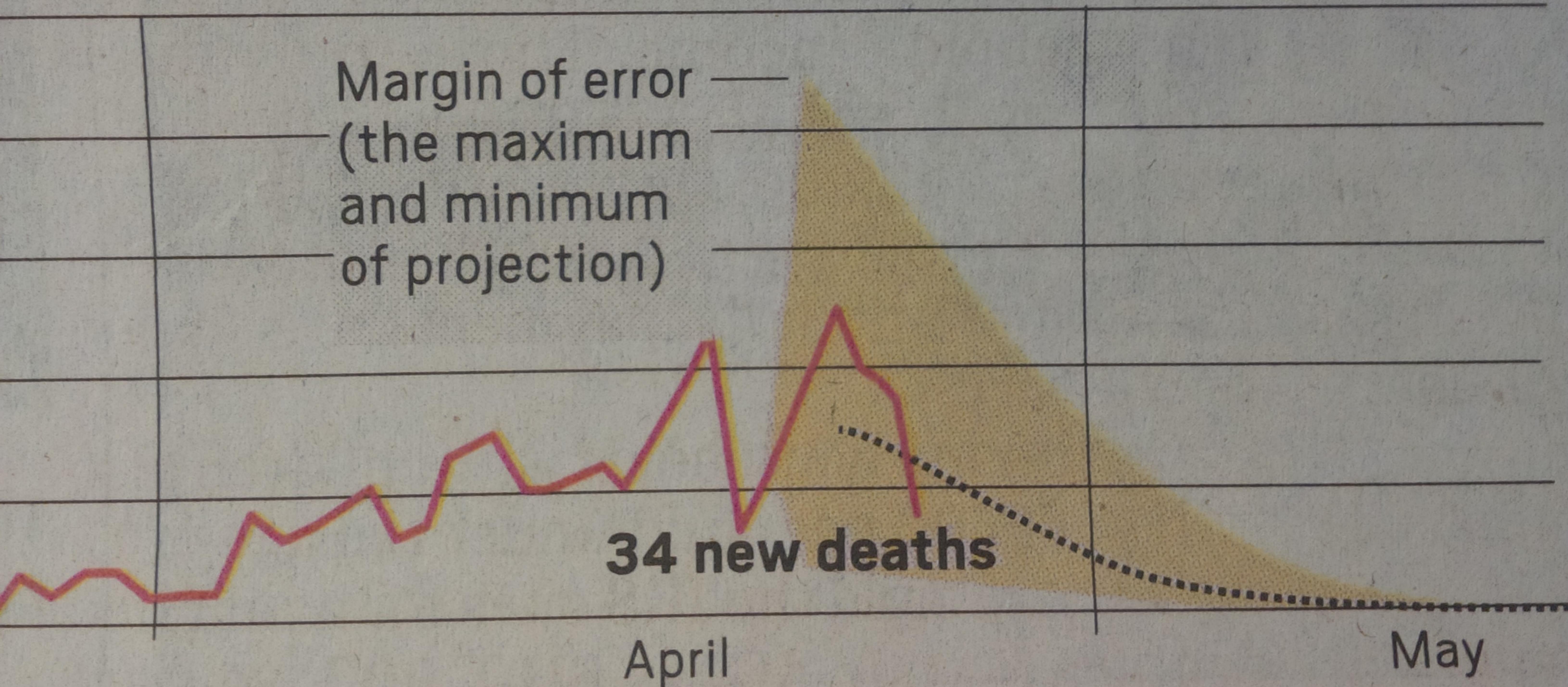
Population: 39.3 million

Assuming full social distancing through May

Washington projection

Daily tracker trend

Deaths per day



CASES

DEATHS

RECOVERIES

12,517

1,715

40,632

**From:** [Julie Byers](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Respectful request to re-open Santa Anita Race Track to non-public racing this season.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:49:14 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

Upfront, let me make it clear. I am not related to anyone in horse racing.

I make no money from anyone or anything in horse racing or the industry.

I am a lifelong horse lover, born and raised in Temple City and currently living in Arcadia. The LAST person to ever want to see a horse injured or killed in any horse racing facility. OR any personnel working at or attending or broadcasting from Santa Anita becoming ill.

I understand the "new normal" in having social distancing and cleaning protocols to stop this vicious virus.

However, the unfair closure of Santa Anita does a disservice to not only the horse community, (the horses, owners, trainers and officials), but the hundreds of backstretch workers who live and care for the horses 24/7. Who is going to pay all these people? Who is going to pay their rent and living costs for their families? Who is going to house all these horses since some of them can not go to their own states or countries? When there have been no instances known to the public of violations of cleaning protocols or social distancing from horse to rider or groomer or caretaker, why was one person's word good enough to shut everything down? If this is because a group of outside agitators/activists were allowed to potentially destroy an industry in Southern California because of uneducated prejudice, where is the justice or due process in this? And is Los Alamitos (under jurisdiction of Orange County) or the other states who still have racing going without the public so bad, or so special that they can still operate, especially when they are now adopting all the new protocols that Santa Anita developed?

Finally, what about all of us "safer at home", who are obeying the new rules and staying home except for work or grocery shopping? We have very little live entertainment and no other sporting events to watch on tv and horse racing has been an important lifeline for us to enjoy. Not just for the betting but to watch the beauty of the horses and the historic venue of Santa Anita and other tracks that someday we might want to visit. The hosts at TVG in particular have done their part and more in demonstrating that they can still inform and entertain us using social distancing in reporting from outside Santa Anita, or in their homes. It's a personal connection that all of us need-telephones and computer screens are all very good in keeping in touch but live commentating and events are more important to handle all of this now more than ever.

Please revisit or at least give the officials at Santa Anita due process to make their case to re-open Santa Anita for racing before letting one particular group destroy

something vital to all of us not only in Arcadia, but the world. More importantly, allowing racing to resume at Santa Anita will continue the vital funding of paychecks to those who live paycheck to paycheck, continuous care and attention to horses bred to workout and run, and what's left of the economy generated by those who do work at the racetrack and spend money in our local businesses.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Julie T. Byers  
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**From:** [Martin Curtis](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** SantaAnita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:51:16 AM

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I live in Henderson, NV. I get the privilege of going to Santa Anita Every couple of months. It is a privilege I sure miss. Even if you could open every other table. I am sure the owners need some kind of revenue to keep horses. How are they paying for training and other expenses. I would like to see horse racing resume. One concerned customer, THANK YOU.

**From:** [Ana Makshanoff](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Keep Santa Anita open!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:56:47 AM

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Don't close the race to many people are at stake .

On Mon, Apr 27, 2020, 9:05 AM Ana Makshanoff <[anamakshanoff@gmail.com](mailto:anamakshanoff@gmail.com)> wrote:

Please don't let this Race Track and the people and Horses go on not racing. This is what is not fair right now the arboretum is open and LA county runs this. Why are they open and not Santa Anita? I think this is the reason certain people have been looking for to end the track. Don't let this happen again it will devestate a lot of lives.

**From:** [t-hollingsworth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:t-hollingsworth@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please consider re-opening Horse Racing in California  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:58:43 AM

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On March 27, 2020 based on a complaint, live racing was prohibited by the LA County Health Dept. at Santa Anita as a “non-essential” business. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the LA County Health Department is currently reviewing a proposal from Santa Anita to resume “spectatorless” live racing. Live racing provides the financial support for the well-being of horses and the workers who take care of them.

**Protecting Public and Worker Health: Item 14- Worker Protections**

There have been ZERO reports of positive COVID-19 infections at Santa Anita and live racing at Los Alamitos (under the jurisdiction of the Orange County Board of Supervisors) has continued unabated with ZERO reports of workers testing positive for COVID-19.

Santa Anita has implemented strict protocols to strengthen public health and safety for workers and horses. Workers have a medical clinic on site. Many workers on the back stretch are self-quarantined and have access to a medical clinic on site.

**Horse Power Our Economic Recovery Responsibly: Item 20 - LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.**  
Horse Racing can lead the responsible re opening of professional sports by hosting televised competitions without spectators. “Spectatorless” sport competitions such as live horse racing can protect public health and the thousands of unionized jobs that keep our families safe and secure. Of all professional sports, horse racing provides a best test case for a responsible re opening of sports because unlike other sports, our equine athletes cannot be infected and cannot transmit COVID-19. Furthermore, the science on COVID-19 transmission shows that people are more susceptible to infections in enclosed environments and Santa Anita operates with more than 300 acres of open space.

**Worker Protections: Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County**

More than 750 back stretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides. Currently, many other union jobs in horse racing have experienced lay-offs causing workers to lose health benefits and wages. It is a greater threat to the well-being of workers to lose their income, housing and health benefits and public health will be at greater risk having more people homeless in the middle of a pandemic.

We are making a responsible and reasonable request to protect public health and the well-being of horses and workers. California horse racing can help power our economic recovery!!!

Tamara

**From:** [Devon Bradley](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Open Santa Anita: Item 19 Safely Reopening LA County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:00:20 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I believe it is clearly time to reopen horse racing in LA County. They have been safely training and caring for these incredible animals throughout this pandemic because you can't just stop caring for horses! Stopping racing is truly not limiting the required interactions of people for this care to our horses. It is just stopping an income flow which will drown an industry. Just like a restaurant can still serve take-out (no customers together although workers are there to prepare items) horse racing can create a product for the community where our workers who care for the horses every day have the opportunity to share their craft via TV. No fans in stands but let the horses do what they were born to do... run!

Please open Santa Anita. The places that have continued to race have added something to look forward to for communities that need that so badly right now!

Best regards,

Devon Bradley

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**From:** [Michael Conboy](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** call to action  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:04:22 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:call

As an owner and fan of horse racing. I feel its important for the board to know my feelings regarding the stoppage of horse racing at Santa Anita Park.

If the real reason for the stoppage is for protecting the health of LA County residents, I feel the track can run horses without the detriment of health to the people involved in live racing, which ultimately will have zero impact on county residents.

During this pandemic, racing has continued at Los Alamitos, 22 miles from Santa Anita with zero cases of the Covid-19 having been diagnosed or reported.

Furthermore, I wish to address the following items:

#### Item 14-Workers Protection

There have been zero infections at Santa Anita among the backstretch workers since the pandemic has started. 95% of the work in horse racing is performed by stable workers who have been working during this crisis. Horses are living creatures who are fed and looked after, much like the pets you may have at home. Upon arriving at work, offsite worker's temperatures are taken, they are required to wear masks and gloves, and they are required to sign in and have their identification easily visible. Santa Anita also has a medical clinic on site which is available to all workers. The workers who reside on the backside are in a self quarantined environment, posing zero risk to the people of LA County.

#### Item 19-Safely Reopening LA County

There are close to 800 back stretch workers who risk losing income, housing, and health benefits without the financial support that racing provides. There have already been numerous union jobs lost due to the stoppage of racing at Santa Anita. It is a greater threat to the well being of these workers and their families to lose this income, than to the county's health risk. The public health of LA county people will be at a greater risk having more people homeless and without the medical care being offered by the track, if they were to lose their jobs.

#### Item 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

There is an excellent opportunity for horse racing to lead the responsible re opening of not only professional sports, but businesses in general. Santa Anita wishes to race without fans present to protect the thousands of unionized jobs that keep our families safe and secure. Of all the sports, horse racing provides a best test case scenario for a responsible reopening of sports, as unlike other sports, our athletes are equines and cannot be infected or transmit the Covid-19 virus. Studies have shown that the Covid-19 virus is transmitted in enclosed environments. Santa Anita operates in open areas greater than 300 acres.

California racing has an opportunity to be a template for not only the well being of employees returning to work, but also a roadmap toward economic recovery of all businesses in these trying times. The board at LA County Health has an opportunity to be proactive and a nationwide model for the reopening of businesses throughout our great country.

Please consider the reopening of Santa Anita for racing.



**From:** [william\\_goddard](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please re-open Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:05:36 AM

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Dear Madams and Sirs.

I am a longtime owner and supporter of the thoroughbred industry. I've been racing horses at Santa Anita and the other local tracks since the early 2000s. Nobody has tested positive for COVID-19 at Santa Anita. And they have proposed very sensible protocols. Surrounding business are allowed to operate (e.g., the Arboretum), and there doesn't appear to be any reason to treat Santa Anita differently. If the track doesn't re-open soon, there is a good chance that it will never recover, putting at risk the livelihoods of the many workers who work there. Please re-open Santa Anita soon.

Sincerely,  
William Goddard  
Manager JPF Investments I, LLC  
949 220 3780

**From:** [Mike Tierney](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:06:11 AM

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Hi. It's time to reopen Santa Anita and preserve the jobs of all those hard-working people. Safety precautions are in place and, as other tracks have shown, races can be conducted without putting people in danger. Thanks.

**From:** [Steve Hegseth](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please restore racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:10:44 AM

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Please consider the lives and livelihoods of the workers at the track. They are responsible in their routines and lifestyles to control the spread of the virus.

The horses need care and the industry needs revenue to support that care.

The thoroughbred industry is important to California. Opening Santa Anita to spectatorless racing immediately can play a part in restoring our economy and providing valued entertainment nationwide.

Respectfully,

*Steve Hegseth*

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**From:** [Travis White](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Live Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:11:10 AM

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Hope this email finds you well. I would like to address the reopening of Santa Anita racetrack. I have been involved in the horse business for almost 15 years and it has provided a stable life for my family. I am very passionate about the horse business and consider many owners and trainers in California great friends. I hate that these guys are struggling as they continue to maintain not only great, but critical care, for their horses and the backstretch employees. To me, there is no better racing landscape in America than Santa Anita and Del Mar. California has become my family's "choice" of vacation destinations when we are financially able to fly a family of four across the country and stay for a week.

I believe the management team Santa Anita has done a wonderful job during this pandemic in keeping a small village safe while still providing excellent care to their horses and a weekly paycheck to those that need it most.

In my opinion, the blueprint that Santa Anita has proposed to provide racing without spectators, is the one that every industry in America should follow. I have not seen a more thorough plan from anyone else....restaurants, public parks/beaches, stores, etc.

They are setting the example that everyone should follow with proper and detailed planning along with very diligent, and stringent rules to abide by.

Financially, the tracks that have remained open and racing without spectators, have seen a huge spike in handle for the month of April. The lowest increase was Oaklawn Park, whose handle increased almost \$25 Million dollars in the month of April.

Just imagine what Santa Anita could do with their star studded case of trainers and top athletes! Surely it would bring in more money than the Arboretum across the street.

Give them the opportunity to lead and I bet many more will follow in a similar manner, one that is the most safest for our country to get back up and going.

Best of luck and stay safe.

From your friends in KY.

Travis White | Stallion Nomination Manager  
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**From:** [Jonathan Wong](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** meeting 4/28/2020 -items #14, 19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:11:22 AM

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Good afternoon,

Allowing racing at Santa Anita park with the current safety procedures, which far exceeds any other racetrack that is racing, is the right thing to do not only for the thousands of people who rely on this to make a honest living in this county but to the horses as well. Allowing racing the afternoons under the new protocols, will not increase any chances of this pandemic to increase. By allowing racing, it will allow horses to have more down time and less human interaction due to resting required after racing. If horses aren't allowed to race, they become impatient and require much more handling and human interaction. Allowing racing to re-open in LA county is essential for the well-being of these horses and the many families that need the financial support provided by racing.

Thank You

Sincerely  
Jonathan A Wong Racing Stables

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Bruce Treitman](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:15:00 AM

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To Whom it Mat Concern,

I understand any decision made to save lives of workers. If shutting down racing actually saved lived then by all means keep the track closed. I do not believe shutting down racing saves lives as the workers are there whether racing is shut down or down. I therefore I suggest opening up racing as soon as possible. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Bruce

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**From:** [Fred Sebold](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Comments for April 28 Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:17:44 AM

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Board of Supervisors:

These comments pertain to Item 19, Safely Reopening LA County. I am writing to support the proposal to reopen Santa Anita Park for racing.

I am a thoroughbred owner, and obviously have a personal interest in the proposal. However, I am also an avid supporter of strong public policy aimed at controlling the spread of Covid-19. Clearly, the Board must exercise considerable caution in relaxing Covid-19 restrictions on activities in LA County. Decisions relating to proposals for reopening certain activities should be driven by specific plans for mitigating potential adverse effects.

In my view, the management of Santa Anita Park has crafted a careful plan for reopening the track for racing without on-site spectators. The proposal reflects a science-based process for protecting racetrack workers from the effects of Covid-19, as well as providing for the care of the thoroughbreds now training at the track. The plan has been tested prior to the shutdown of the track, and has been shown to be sound. I encourage the Board to accept this plan subject to future monitoring and review. By accepting this proposal, the Board could provide a clear example of the kind of preparation that should precede other efforts to reopen the local economy.

Thank you.

Frederick D. Sebold  
441 Holmwood Lane  
Solana Beach, CA 92075

**From:** [Ashley Lewis](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Agenda Item #15  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:03:40 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to express concern over the congregate living environment at Santa Anita park and the current consideration being given to its reopening. While I understand the need for the track to exercise their horses, they should not be able to race for profit, which requires additional personnel to be brought in from the outside. The reason there have been no cases of COVID-19 at the race track is because there is no active testing. If we are able to test congregate living environments it would be prudent to start with essential workers such as firefighters, hospital workers, etc - NOT a race track. It is very concerning that these 700 employees interact with each other and with people from the outside on a daily basis with minimal safety measures in place. This threat will only increase if they are allowed to reopen. The city of LA should treat Santa Anita Park like every other non-essential business and continue to ask it remain closed.

Thank you,  
Ashley Lewis

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Ashley Lewis  
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**From:** [GINA GOODYEAR](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 14 and Item 19 on Agenda for 04/28 04/28/20 meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:53:55 AM

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Thank you for accepting public comments.

Currently, we find ourselves paying for a pandemic crisis in horse racing. Who is we; specifically, I mean individual racehorse ownership. As an example; where exactly will some of us spend our stimulus check: to train a racehorse. You absolutely cannot leave people in limbo. Specifically, some racehorses have been in training since February 1st with plans to start races in April specifically, in our area; that did not happen. The cost is much higher when training begins. In turn, many other people are hired during the training process. While we gladly pay our bills and faithfully; we expect the same consideration from others. Currently, we receive no help to offset the cost of training. I believe a decision has to be made but absolutely leaving people in disarray should not be an option.

Thank you  
Gina Goodyear

**From:** [Jane Wade](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Let Santa Anita race  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:56:26 AM

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We are making a responsible and reasonable request to protect public health and the well-being of horses and workers. California horse racing can help power our economic recovery!!! Please approve the protocols that have been submitted to your dept

Protecting Public and Worker Health: Item 14- Worker Protections

There have been ZERO reports of positive COVID-19 infections at Santa Anita and live racing at Los Alamitos (under the jurisdiction of the Orange County Board of Supervisors) has continued unabated with ZERO reports of workers testing positive for COVID-19.

Santa Anita has implemented strict protocols to strengthen public health and safety for workers and horses. Workers have a medical clinic on site. Many workers on the back stretch are self-quarantined and have access to a medical clinic on site.

Thank you,  
Jane W

**From:** [DAVID JAMES](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 14 , Item 19 , Item 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:04:56 AM

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LA County Board Supervisor's ,regarding Items #14 , 19 , 20 Im writing to offer my unwavering support for the reopening of 'spectatorless' live racing at Santa Anita.

The horse racing industry in California supports thousands of jobs for poor and low income workers, the vast majority are immigrants who are just getting started on their new lives in America. The care they give to these beautiful animals is truly amazing and should be observed in person by members of your Board. These workers are some of the hardest working people, and they don't deserve to have their livelihoods taken away. Racing can certainly begin again, safely for the workers and the horses, and should begin again as soon as is safely possible. Please begin the process of safely putting Californians back to work! Thanks for your attention to this matter.

David James

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [hollingsworthfarms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hollingsworthfarms@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please consider re-opening Horse Racing in California  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:07:27 AM

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>> On March 27, 2020 based on a complaint, live racing was prohibited by the LA County Health Dept. at Santa Anita as a “non-essential” business. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the LA County Health Department is currently reviewing a proposal from Santa Anita to resume “spectatorless” live racing. Live racing provides the financial support for the well-being of horses and the workers who take care of them.

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>> Protecting Public and Worker Health: Item 14- Worker Protections

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>> Horse Power Our Economic Recovery Responsibly: Item 20 - LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.

>> Horse Racing can lead the responsible re opening of professional sports by hosting televised competitions without spectators. “Spectatorless” sport competitions such as live horse racing can protect public health and the thousands of unionized jobs that keep our families safe and secure. Of all professional sports, horse racing provides a best test case for a responsible re opening of sports because unlike other sports, our equine athletes cannot be infected and cannot transmit COVID-19. Furthermore, the science on COVID-19 transmission shows that people are more susceptible to infections in enclosed environments and Santa Anita operates with more than 300 acres of open space.

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>> Worker Protections: Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County

>> More than 750 back stretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides. Currently, many other union jobs in horse racing have experienced lay-offs causing workers to lose health benefits and wages. It is a greater threat to the well-being of workers to lose their income, housing and health benefits and public health will be at greater risk having more people homeless in the middle of a pandemic.

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>> We are making a responsible and reasonable request to protect public health and the well-being of horses and workers. California horse racing can help power our economic recovery!!!

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>> Tamara Hollingsworth  
Hollingsworth Farms LLC

**From:** [hkddcd@aol.com](mailto:hkddcd@aol.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:28:44 AM

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Open the damn track.

**From:** [rick marcotrigiano](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** B.O.S. meeting april 28,agenda item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:24:02 PM

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As a horse owner for nearly 35 years I am very invested in the industry of horse racing,my question to you is how can you continue to shut down the industry in california when its affecting so many people.The horseman are there every day from early early mornings to take care of their horses and the rely on the track running races for purse earnings to survive.The fans can stay home run the races without crowds ,the backstretch people are already together all morning and back in evenings to feed and to keep the races away from them is killing everything they work for,please understand the people are there every day and just to extend them afternoon access to race will not affect anything ,richard marcotrigiano

**From:** [Clemmer, Sheryl](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Help backside workers  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:31:50 PM

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Please reopen Santa Anita Racing. There haven't been any Covid 19 cases and these workers are taking care of horses every day as is. Just run it like Gulfstream – Oaklawn and other tracks to keep everyone safe (obviously no fans at this time).

Please!

**From:** [Kent Krueger](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita spectator-less; resumption of racing.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:37:59 PM

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Hello, please add my voice to the call to resume the racing at the Arcadia track. If no people are attending; the workers are already there taking care of the horses and staying there anyway. Social distancing at an 99 percent empty track is a given. They could stay 18 feet apart, there is loads of space and the vast majority of workers are already on site. I saw more distancing hazards of people at the supermarket.

Thank you  
Kent Krueger

**From:** [Jason Blewitt](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** I Support the Re-Opening of Santa Anita Park for Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:44:09 PM

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Hello,

I would like to express my support in the re-opening of Santa Anita Park. I love Thoroughbred racing and have been a fan of it for 27 years. Horse racing has given my life purpose and direction.

I would also like to share that my wife and I visited Santa Anita Park for the 2019 Breeders' Cup Thoroughbred Championships. I estimate we spent around \$2,500 - \$3,000 in the local economy with lodging, rental car, meals, etc. We really enjoyed our trip to Arcadia and hope to return the next time the Breeders' Cup is held at Santa Anita Park.

Thank you for your consideration in giving Santa Anita Park the green light to run races again.

Jason Blewitt  
516-567-0355

**From:** [Bob Cronin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:45:15 PM

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Let the park reopen.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [dwyererin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** B.O.S. Meeting, April 28th, Agenda Item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:46:09 PM

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I write this email in support of reopening Santa Anita Park to live racing, without fans present. Extraordinary measures have been taken to protect all track employees and no cases of COVID-19 have been reported. Recently, Santa Anita's management has gone further and added additional methods to keep personnel safe.

As you are aware, far more staff are present in the morning than during afternoon racing. Based on this and the diligent safety procedures being proposed, please allow racing to resume at Santa Anita.

If additional safety measures are required, can you please provide this information and allow the track to implement these items.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Erin Dwyer

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Nicolette Aubourg](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re-opening Santa Anita Racetrack  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:28:23 AM

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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

“COVID-19 remains a serious and growing health threat, and loosening the statewide (stay-at-home) order prematurely could lead to a second wave of infections and fatalities”, said Governor Newsom. It is ludicrous that horse-racing, a non-essential business, is attempting to restart! Santa Anita would be instrumental in causing more deaths were it to open at this time because it is impossible for large numbers of employees and others to be safely distanced from one another. There are over 700 people working at Santa Anita and more people coming and going.

With a shortage of tests and PPE, a non-essential business, especially a gambling business, should not be using up these limited life-saving resources.

The CDFA recommends limiting the number of people on the premises to ten at all times. A small number of personnel could feed and sufficiently exercise the horses to maintain their health. This is no time to be reopening a racetrack when COVID-19 deaths in Los Angeles County have doubled over the last week.

Sincerely,

Nicolette Aubourg, a responsible business owner in Los Angeles County

**From:** [Edward McCready](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [arcadiapolice@ArcadiaCA.gov](mailto:arcadiapolice@ArcadiaCA.gov); [cpovilaitis@glendaleca.gov](mailto:cpovilaitis@glendaleca.gov); [AskDOJ@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskDOJ@usdoj.gov); [Mike@chrb.ca.gov](mailto:Mike@chrb.ca.gov)  
**Subject:** DOJ and FBI Report  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:30:33 AM

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Being profoundly out of consensus regarding Santa Anita Park Race Track's decades of Civil and Human Rights violations, the culture of lies created from a rape of a minor for power and profit, this Report =>

<https://gamifiablecom.files.wordpress.com/2019/11/report.pdf>,

it is Post a letter sent to the then Attorney General Jeff Sessions  
<https://gamifiablecom.files.wordpress.com/2017/11/doj.pdf>.

The Report is in the data pipeline to the now acting Attorney General Barr and the FBI in Washington DC =>

<https://gamifiablecom.files.wordpress.com/2019/11/cer.jpg>

The Addendum(s) that follow this narrative will be registered on the blockchain for Deep Root Cause analysis:contained metrics will cluster and be a Global transparency with this interim, a local scope of Santa Anita Park Race Track - protocol aligned with an all-in-one misdiagnosis solution space with a Machine Artificial Intelligence output =>

<https://ecmccready.com/gamifiedapp-2/>

Sincerely,

ECMcCready.com

**From:** [Tim Bader](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 14-Worker Protections  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:36:37 PM

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PLEASE OPEN SANTA ANITA FOR SPECTATORLESS LIVE RACING!!!

TIM BADER

**From:** [Corey Smith](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Track-April 28, 2020 ITEM 14, 19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:22:34 AM

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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and LA County Health Department:

I ask that you immediately re-open Santa Anita Race Track for "spectatorless" live racing.

Santa Anita has taken unprecedented measures to insure the safety of backstretch workers, trainers, Jockeys and track workers in general.

The Stronach Group has submitted to the Heath Department an unprecedented and thorough plan that exceeds all other safety precautions currently being implemented within any other open business in Los Angeles County. These extraordinary precautions far exceed those of the LA County Arboretum as well as the precautions being undertaken be Grocery Store employees and Health Care Employees alike.

More than 750 back stretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without financial support that live racing provides. We are making responsible and reasonable requests to protect public health and the well being of horses and workers.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Regards,

Corey Smith

**From:** [Marilyn Karuza](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Items:14-worker protections; 19 safely reopening LA county; 20-la county roadmap to economic recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:31:20 AM

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Dear Board Members,

I am writing this to plead with you to allow racing at Santa Anita to resume with safe protocols.

I am connected with a small horse racing ranch whose living depends on the raising of thoroughbreds. The purses which are generated by racing is their sole income. They employ many workers to help raise, maintain, and prepare these horses for racing. Thoroughbreds have been raised to compete and race, this is what they are meant to do, and love doing. For their mental and physical health they need to race.

If racing does not resume, many employees on the backstretch, employees of the ranches where these animals are raised, will be without income and forced to close.

Please also consider the unseen workers, trainers, exercise riders, grooms, and veterinarians who spend many hours daily caring for the horses are at risk to lose their livelihood with the shutdown.

Since the pandemic, places where racing has been allowed to continue has been very successful. Florida (Tampa Bay and Gulfstream Park) as well as Oaklawn Park in Arkansas. The income generated by off track gambling, along with the purse money has helped these states and the workers connected with them survive this global pandemic.

With the deepest respect and heartfelt pleas I remain, yours truly,

Marilyn Karuza  
1224 Begonia Court  
Upland, CA 91784

**From:** [Sandlot Racing Stables](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Reopening-Agenda Items 14;19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:26:24 PM

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I am writing to support the re-opening of Santa Anita Racetrack for spectatorless live racing. Continued closure will cause irreparable harm to the track workers and disproportionately harm the Hispanic community

My concerns fall under Agenda Items 14, 19 and 20.

### **ECONOMIC RECOVERY/HEALTH**

My primary concern is that 750 people live (and work) at Santa Anita as do the 1700 horses they care for. The housing can be provided because of the money generated by the races. If racing does not resume, I have grave concerns about the health and welfare both the residents and the horses. Health benefits and the housing itself may cease to be provided. As the workers are primarily Hispanic continued closure of Santa Anita will jeopardize this community disproportionately.

### **MENTAL HEALTH**

Spectatorless racing is happening in other venues. Not only is it providing the essential money needed to care for the track residents and horses, it is supplying a form of mental health services to a nation that is devoid of fun right now. Horse racing viewership is up 200% year over year. Fox Sports 1 and NBCSC are both providing national coverage of races. While a simple pleasure of having something to watch may seem trivial given the issues we are all dealing with as a result of COVID-19, some "fun" can improve peoples ability to get thought this pandemic significantly.

### **WORKER PROTECTIONS/HEALTH**

Finally, the protocols that have been put in place at Santa Anita are significant and given the "backstretch" is already essentially a closed system will protect the workers from COVID-19. Similar practises in Florida, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Arkansas are allowing racing to continue. The workers are already caring for the horses as they train in the morning and as such not allowing racing in the afternoon is inconsistent with protecting the workers health.

Thank you for consideration of my comments.

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**Tom Lininger**  
**President**  
**Sandlot Racing Stables**

**From:** [delf149@aol.com](mailto:delf149@aol.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 14 - worker protections; 19 - safely reopening LA county; 20 - LA county roadmap to economic recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:38:09 PM

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Greetings,

I support Mr. De La Torre and his agenda!!!

Now is the time to prop up industries such as horse racing rather than destroy them. The business of horse racing is so ingrained into California that it effects more than just the workers at the track. There are many that directly and indirectly depend on Santa Anita for their livelihood.

Shutting down racing a few weeks ago seemed like a prudent thing to do as the unknown about the disease took center stage (better to buy some time and garner more info). Now that some time has passed and we are more knowledgeable we can see that this arrangement of racing w/o patrons can work at other locations such as Gulfstream, Oaklawn and Los Alamitos.

So the big question is how long can we wait before the people that work in this industry hits a tipping point of no return. I urge you to reopen Santa Anita!

Thank You,  
David Stransky

**From:** [Elaine Livesey-Fassel](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Opening of Santa Anita Racetrack  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:27:00 AM

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This citizen and long time animal advocate has been deeply distressed by the mounting deaths of the magnificent athletes that are the race horses at our Santa Anita racetrack and has been expressing her hope that serious changes be made to the long time incidents of the over use of drugs and the running of horses too young to do so, This was becoming a LETHAL sport and I became ashamed of its continuance and called for either severe restrictions of same or a stoppage! Then came the COVID-19 pandemic and it did STOP! I felt for the workers who depended on its continuance for their survival.. I am still sensitive to those worries, but the facts still remain that because of the ongoing CVD I am fearful that if we re-open the crowds would exacerbate the ongoing problem as they could not or would not 'social distance' in a business that is still NON-ESSENTIAL. We need ACTIVE Testing, though they would be done on 'non-essential'workers which rightly should be saved for essential workers such as firefighters, police,first responders, doctors,nurses.. etc.etc., I fear that there is still no truly SAFE way in which the Race-Track could open and am still profoundly concerned that the 'Best Practices' in and for this Entertainment will not be utilized as Profit will still trump Safety for workers and horses combined. I learn that there is such a thing as 'Virtual' racing..so perhaps this could be a safe option at this critical time.  
I do appreciate the chance to express my genuine concerns for this 'SPORT', the magnificent horses, our good workers and our need to continue to put PUBLIC HEALTH at the top of any consideration of 'Re-Opening'. Thank you. Elaine Livesey-Fassel

**From:** [Alex Fierro-Clarke](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for BOS Meeting 4/28/20 Agenda Items #14, #36, #20, #18, & General Public Comment  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:20:51 PM

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**Public Comment on Worker Protections - Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36):**

My name is Alexander and I strongly support the entire Healthy LA platform. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors must enact a strong, permanent right of recall, worker retention, and supplemental paid sick leave policies. Workers should be able to take paid sick leave to self-quarantine or take care of family members. Many workers who were laid off have been at their jobs for their entire careers and they deserve to come back to work as soon as it is safe. This should be the case even if companies go bankrupt and/or are sold during the crisis. Thank you.

**Public Comment on Roadmap to Recovery (Item # 20):**

My name is Alexander and I strongly support the entire Healthy LA platform. Many communities have been struggling, even before the COVID-19 pandemic. The Roadmap to Economic Recovery should not only return us to that place, but it should move communities beyond it for a **just economic recovery**. The roadmap must include community input, anti-displacement measures, avenues for community ownership, and equity measures that prioritize resources for impacted industries, businesses owned by people of color, and the most vulnerable workers including undocumented residents.

**Public Comment on Litigation Against City of Norwalk for interference with Project Room Key (Item #18):**

My name is Alexander and I strongly support the entire Healthy LA platform. We applaud LA County Board of Supervisors' lawsuit against the City of Norwalk for their obstruction of Project Roomkey. LA County must do everything in their power to ensure that cities and hotels offer every unhoused person a hotel room, including compelling mayors to commandeer hotels, and identifying and eliminating barriers.

**Public Comment on Eviction Protections (General Public Comment):**

My name is Alexander and I strongly support the Healthy LA platform. I live in the City of Los Angeles and I'm confused about which eviction protections apply to me and worried that I will end up evicted in a few months. I urge the Board of Supervisors to amend the Eviction Moratorium they passed so that it covers the entire county and doesn't exempt cities that have weaker protections. No matter what city you live in Los Angeles County, we all deserve to have equal protections. Thank you.

**From:** [Barry Lieberman](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Items19-Safely Reopening LA County 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:42:58 PM

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I am writing in favor of safely permitting horse racing at Santa Anita, with or without spectators. Spectators should be allowed with social distancing requirements which should not be a problem if capacity is limited to 25% of seating.

It is inexcuseable that the Arboretum across the street from Santa Anita is open while you listen to a small group of individuals from PETA to keep Santa Anita closed.

Sincerely,

Barry Lieberman

**From:** [j.marble@verizon.net](mailto:j.marble@verizon.net)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Board meeting on Tuesday 4/28/2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:33:00 PM

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Dear Los Angeles Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of Agenda Items 14, 19 and 20. I believe it is important for economic recovery, employees and race horses to resume "spectatorless" live racing at Santa Anita. Los Alamitos, in Orange County, has continued with racing and it has worked without harm to people or horses!

Thank you for your consideration,

Jeanette Marble

**From:** [Mark Hanson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Re-opening  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:34:58 PM

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Dear Public regulators,

To many of you racing may seem as nothing more than any other entertainment entity similar to a theme park. While racing does provide a form of entertainment this analogy couldn't be farther from the truth. With racing shut down, the Horses still require daily care and exercise. You can't just flip a switch like you can to a theme park. It's running at full speed whether there is racing or not.

Frankly speaking I view it as highly irresponsible to continue with the current stance you as the County has taken up to this point. While you may or may not like live racing, it is paramount to care for the horses at the top level. They deserve it! The best way is to make it economically feasible to do so is through live racing!

Please allow Santa Anita to implement safety protocols to protect its workers and allow the horses back on the track!

Item 14-Worker Protections; Item 19 Safely  
Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.

**From:** [Debby Wills](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** LA County meeting 04/28/20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:38:43 PM

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In regards to: Item 14: Worker protections.  
Item 19: Safely reopening LA County.  
Item 20: LA County Roadmap to economic recovery.  
Save the lives of the backstretch workers  
& well being of thoroughbreds, Please reopen Santa Anita ! Let them race !

Regards, Deborah Wills, LA county resident.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Willman, Mike](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Items 14, 19 & 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:48:02 PM

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**To: LA County Board of Supervisors**

All—

**With regard to Agenda items 14, 19 & 20, I ask that you please carefully consider a myriad of reasons why live racing should resume at the earliest possible date at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia.**

**As you know, we have approximately 1,700 horses training here on a daily basis and their 24/7 needs are addressed by a Stable Area work force of about 750 people. Since the LA County Dept. of Public Health ordered us to cease live racing on March 27, there has been zero money generated through pari-mutuel wagering to assist in the care and sustenance of our backstretch workers. Although their wages are paid by the individual trainers that employ them, the owners of these horses will undoubtedly be removing the horses from our Stable Area and relocating to tracks that are currently running, or to farms, leaving many of these workers unemployed.**

**The urgent need to resume “spectatorless” racing is upon us. Revenue generated from pari-mutuel racing on Santa Anita’s races FULLY funds our Stable Area medical clinic, which provides FREE medical and dental benefits to all licensed workers and their families at no taxpayer expense.**

**Additionally, the 750 people that reside and work in our Stable Area are the definition of an at-risk population in terms of potential homelessness. Approximately 90 percent are Hispanic, many are recent arrivals and with limited skills and resources, will be forced live on the streets of LA County if live racing is not resumed soon.**

**I beg of you to please, please come to Santa Anita and inspect the entire facility for yourself. As has been recently documented in the LA Times and elsewhere, you will see that our entire work force is using masks, maintaining strict social distancing and that dozens of hand sanitizers are now located throughout the entire facility—Stable Area and frontside Grandstand.**

**We occupy 320 acres, directly across Baldwin Ave. from the LA County Arboretum, and we operate for the most part, outdoors.**

**Thanks for your consideration.**

**Best Regards,**

**Mike Willman  
Santa Anita Director of Publicity**

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**From:** [john.frederick](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:34:30 PM

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I feel that racing should resume. The Southern tracks have shown that it has had a minimal affect.

**Diohn.Supreme Commander of Alien Forces**



**From:** [Chris Morphy](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:36:43 PM

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Bring back Santa Anita.

Nobody has done a better job preventing the spread of the virus – from both a human standpoint as well as the animals.

Nobody cares for those animals as much as the people who care for them.

I know it's a popular political stance to be anti-horse racing, but listen to the facts and see the changes they've made. Keep the politics out of it and make an informed decision.

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**From:** [jwinterlaw](#)  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The closure of Santa Anita is causing so much harm in so many ways to the backstretch workers and horses, a subject you will inevitably read about in great detail in other emails. Please consider how well the experiment is working at Oaklawn in Arkansas, which is proving to be a safe and reasonable solution to the situation. The key words here are safe and reasonable.

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**From:** [Matt Dohman](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** My Uncle is the Mayor  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:48:03 PM

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**Honestly, why would you stop horseracing when they have offered to contribute money to the Covid-19 relief effort?**

I understand individuals might be saying, “why should this business be allowed to be open and workers making money when it’s not an essential business?” They are simply not understanding the race track is its own ecosystem. The caretakers, trainers and jockeys are there every day anyways regardless of if there is racing or not. The risk of Covid-19 exists whether they race or not so why not let them race and keep some of the economy going and producing money for Covid-19 relief efforts? Keeping them shut is simply dumb. This is a contactless sport where social distancing can be achieved.

Besides, most likely horseracing would be in the first phase of opening so just let them open now. All professionally licensed personal should be able to go to track, horse racing should resume with the safety protocols in place, spectator less for the time being.

Thanks,



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P.S. My uncle is the Mayor is just a joke ☺

**From:** [Doug Forde](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please Re-Open Santa Anita race Track  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:51:38 PM

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I urge you to re-consider closing the Santa Anita race Track.  
It will save many jobs at this very difficult time. Live racing with no spectators helps everyone.  
Support Workers well being and bring back racing

Douglas Forde  
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**From:** [Tracy Henline](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** B.O.S. meeting April 28, agenda item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:54:00 PM

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Dear Board,

Respectfully, please note that I am writing in support of resuming live (spectator less) racing at Santa Anita Park.

Management has gone to great lengths to insure the safety and well being of the workers. Economic recovery is essential for the more than 750 workers that depend on the track operations to continue. Detailed protocol that Santa Anita has implemented is a testament to their commitment to health and safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

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**Tracy D. Henline**

*President/CEO*  
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**From:** [Tat Yakutis McCabe](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita careful re-opening  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:54:14 PM

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Dear Sirs: Please consider allowing Santa Anita to open for racing with no patrons, just equine & facility staff & management. "Horse people" are dedicated to their work and the CHRB has a strong oversight to see that all personnel will follow strict guidelines for health & safety. Thank you.

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**From:** [Melody Conlon](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:02:20 PM

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To Whom it may Concern,

For the last 35 years I have worked at Santa Anita as a hot walker, exercise rider, jockey, assistant trainer and trainer.

I have become very close with the people who make up the resident backstretch workers. They are all very hardworking people and have good work ethic. These grooms treat their horses like royalty. They have a strong family unit and many of the children go on to college with scholarships provided by Foundations established by Santa Anita.

To keep the people going the trainers and owners are paying out of their own pockets without income from the purses. This cannot continue indefinitely.

Safety health measures including social distancing have been put in place and are stringently being followed.

Please allow non spectator racing to resume at Santa Anita Park. There have been no cases of Covid 19 at Santa Anita. There are actually less people working during the races then there are in the morning. There is no reason not to have non spectator racing with all the safety measures that have been strictly adhered to.

Sincerely,  
Melody Conlon  
Trainer

**From:** [Bradley Kenny](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:06:00 PM

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Please allow racing as we need it !

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**From:** [Stephen Franklin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita reopen  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:07:57 PM

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I am respectfully writing in support of reopening Santa Anita racetrack. Although I name a New Yorker I have many friends within the So Cal racing community. Many many jobs and livelihoods are at stake. Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs along with Oaklawn Park have successfully safely operated during the Pandemic. I urge your office to research these other operations and promptly reopen Santa Anita under the same guidelines

Thank you for your time

Stephen Franklin

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Steve Yamarone](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** B.O.S. meeting April 28, agenda item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:10:00 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

This e-mail is in support of allowing spectator-less racing at Santa Anita in Arcadia. As has been documented, not racing has created a hardship for many racetrack workers.

During these trying times for us all, allowing racing to resume will bring relief to some residents of LA County while keeping everyone safe and virus free.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this request.

Stephen Yamarone  
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**From:** [John Breeze](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Agenda Item 19 Economic Re-opening of L.A. County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:10:27 PM

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It is my fervent hope that the L.A. City Council will see the wisdom in re-opening Santa Anita Race Track for horse racing as soon as possible with no spectators. I don't believe that such an opening would cause any public health crisis since there would be no spectators involved. Moreover, you have 750 workers at the back stretch of Santa Anita that are without income. Re-opening the track for spectator-less horse racing will restore that income, health insurance for those employees and housing as well for them and their families. I sincerely hope that the City Council takes this issue up and wisely decides to re-open the race track for horse racing.

Regards,  
John W. Breeze

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**From:** [Betty Hammer](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Resume Live Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:11:58 PM

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Dear LA County Board of Supervisors,

As a thoroughbred racehorse owner licensed in the state of California, I am writing to ask you to please, please seriously consider resuming spectatorless live racing at Santa Anita. My Husband Timothy and I live in Pittsburgh, Pa yet we choose to breed and race in California. Our horse Redemption Code is with Carla Gaines. We know firsthand the hardship of the barn and the workers when there is no income. The backside workers need income from races or they will be homeless. We are paying trainers to train, and our horses want to run. If people can visit the Aboretum across the street, surely horses can race without people in attendance. Please seriously consider this request for the welfare of the workers and the horses.

Sincerely,

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Robyn Gordon](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** [SUSPECTED SPAM]14-Worker Protections; 19-Safely Reopening LA County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:05:51 PM

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## Board of Supervisors

I am writing in regards to the importance of reopening of racing at Santa Anita Race Track, but closed to the public during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Santa Anita Race Track has proposed a strict safety protocol to protect all individuals who are working and living on the Santa Anita Race Track grounds. The health and welfare of the horsemen and the horses are of the utmost priority to the Santa Anita Race Track management.

The same individuals whom are on site during the race events need to remain on site each day to care for the horses in regards to feeding, grooming and exercise as no outside individuals are allowed on the grounds whether it's a regular day or race day.

In Florida, Gulfstream Park and Tampa Bay Downs, Oaklawn in Arkansas are still operating under the circumstances as well as Los Alamitos Race Track in Orange County.

With no other sporting events going on in the country, horse racing is under unique circumstances where it can still be operational, but not depend on crowds or the public to be present.

In a time where everyone is looking for things to do or stay positive.

A competitive sporting event operating in a safe manor can fill the voids of many as the country begins to reopen.

Professional wrestling recently successfully conducted its largest event of the year for a pay per view television audience from their training facility in Florida with no crowd, and limited staff taking the proper safety precautions.

Please take in consideration all things when receiving pressure from other parties to keep Santa Anita Race Track closed to racing.

Thank you,  
Robyn Gordon

**From:** [Alexandra Nagy](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [Sheila](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment for April 28, 2020 Agenda  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:02:46 PM

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### **Worker Protections – Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36)**

My name is Alexandra Nagy and I strongly support the entire Healthy LA platform. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors must enact a strong, permanent right of recall, worker retention, and supplemental paid sick leave policies. Workers should be able to take paid sick leave to self-quarantine or take care of family members. Many workers who were laid off have been at their jobs for their entire careers and they deserve to come back to work as soon as it is safe. This should be the case even if companies go bankrupt and/or are sold during the crisis. Thank you.

### **Roadmap to Recovery (Item # 20)**

My name is Alexandra Nagy and I strongly support the entire Healthy LA platform. Many communities have been struggling, even before the COVID-19 pandemic. The Roadmap to Economic Recovery should not only return us to that place, but it should move communities beyond it for a just economic recovery. The roadmap must include community input, anti-displacement measures, avenues for community ownership, and equity measures that prioritize resources for impacted industries, businesses owned by people of color, and the most vulnerable workers including undocumented residents.

My County Supervisor is Sheila Kuehl. Thank you!

**Alexandra Nagy**  
(She/ Her)  
California Director  
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Fight like you live here.

**From:** [Meg Hassenpflug](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Meeting date 4/28/2020 -- Horse racing supporter!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:05:40 PM

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Item 14 - Worker Protections  
Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County  
Item 20 - LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

As an unsophisticated but dedicated thoroughbred racing fan, I respectfully ask that the BOS make the right decision in favor of "spectatorless" live racing and permit California horse racing to help power the economic recovery of our state.

I have been going to Santa Anita Race Track for over 50 years, starting with morning workouts when I was a child. For many of us, these wonderful animals and the people who train and care for them get into your heart and simply stay there. There is a majestic quality to this sport, especially at Santa Anita which holds so much history for Southern California. And there is nothing quite like live racing, even on television.

The economic impact of allowing live racing to resume is quite clear: Every single person in the state who has the ability to earn a paycheck safely should be allowed to go back to work. The more people earning their own paycheck means fewer people on the unemployment rolls. Earning your own paycheck is also a tremendous sense of pride that cannot be measured.

The Board of Supervisors, by allowing live racing to resume in California immediately puts back to work thousands of people who are more than capable of practicing social distancing guidelines while earning a paycheck and also letting revenues flow back into the cities involved.

The math is simple. Please do the right thing for thousands of people and our sport.

Most sincerely,  
Meg Hassenpflug  
Ontario, CA

**From:** [AMS1977v](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** SantaAnitaPark\_ANonEssentialBusiness\_Agenda #20 or #47 PublicComment  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:02:53 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to you a a very concerned citizen. I was born and raised in Los Angeles, CA and in my many years, have never seen anything the likes of what is happening right now with the COVID19 virus. I have experienced symptoms myself and am horrified knowing that people as well as businesses are not adhering to the Stay At Home orders from our governor. The number of deaths due to this killer virus has doubled in just this past week.

Governor Newsom has a Stay at Home order in place for a reason. Businesses that continue to run are ESSENTIAL and crucial to our survival. Santa Anita race track is a NON ESSENTIAL business. In other words, NOT crucial for our survival and NOT an absolute necessity.

Yes, Santa Anita Park can tell you that there are no active cases of the virus but then I must argue that there is no active testing, and rightly so. The small number of tests that exist should be used on those are on the frontline: first responders, police officers, firefighters, hospital workers, food service workers, grocery store workers, etc. In addition, I would like to remind you that anyone can be an asymptomatic carrier.

There is absolutely no safe way to race horses, especially during a high contagious and deadly pandemic. The Governor is requesting that mass gatherings stop until there is a vaccine. Santa Anita Park has over 700 people working there, many of whom commute. That number is beyond the number he defines as mass gathering (people numbering in the 100's).

As mentioned, I have experienced enough symptoms to prompt me to call a tele-doctor. She was unable to rule it out and made sure I knew that I should treat it like a cold or the flu. By no means, she said, go to the ER because if by chance you don't have it, you will more than likely contract it there. How then should I or anyone of us feel safe knowing people are coming in and out of an area that has not been tested, that is not TRULY quarantined? My life and yours is at stake. Yes, many will and may lose their jobs as so many of us will as well. But LIFE is more valuable than losing a job.

I respectfully request that you keep Santa Anita race track closed. Please ask yourself who benefits from horse racing and who will not.

Sincerely,  
Patricia

**From:** [Louis Cassel](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Cassel; carla gaines](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 meeting-Items # 14, 19, 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:22:19 PM

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Ladies/ Gentlemen;

We are former breeders of racehorses and current owners of a racehorse in training at Santa Anita Park. Therefore, we have high emotional and financial interest in the subject of reopening live racing at Santa Anita Park. However, we are quite elderly and have specific vulnerabilities to virus, therefore we are unable to attend the meeting on April 28, 2020 in person. This email describes our concerns relative to Items # 19, 20, 14.

**Relative to Item # 19, 20, 14 – Reopening L.A. County, Economic Recovery, Worker Protection**

The racehorse industry in California starts with the approximately 2,000 thoroughbred racehorses that are bred in California every year. Contrary to opinions of most outside of our industry, few of those are being raced by multimillionaires. Most that are eventually raced are owned by people like us who sacrifice other pursuits to have one (like us), a fraction of one, or a few racehorses. We depend on the wealthy owners to bring their horses to our racetracks to attract the fan patronage so that the sport remains financially viable in our state. As the requirement to cease live racing endures, the wealthy simply take their fan favorite horses to other states where tracks are capitalizing on the situation, and attracting the patronage of those horses. That is a very expensive venture which few of us can afford. But, as other states see this successful example, we who depend on California racing will see our industry recede.

**The example these racetracks in other states are benefiting from was pioneered by Santa Anita Park. The process of racing without audiences was invented, and proven viable here.**

We can attest to the rigor of the process Santa Anita initiated. Since we bred, and have maintained a close affiliation with our horse, we make the 100 mile trip to Santa Anita to see her whenever we can. The occasion of her third race was days after Santa Anita first closed the doors to owners. Like all other racing fans, we watched from home. We felt that was a sacrifice, but we were aware of the environment that it was instated in by the track. In that environment it was clearly the right decision by the track. Since that time, Santa Anita has continued to add rigor to its protection process. Now the process is so rigorous that employee photographers cannot enter the track to create photos or videos that owners can substitute for visits to their horses. Like 10s of thousands of racing fans in California, we watch the racing in other states on television and realize that they continue to be successful with much less rigorous processes than Santa Anita has instituted.

We are ready to endure these rigorous processes because we can easily project the alternatives. We do not have the financial resources to maintain a racehorse that has no possibility of earning at least a part of its keep. We have tried to find disposition after racing for horses that we have raced. In spite of expenditures in retrainin that approach those of racing, those attempts have been futile. The longer the application of these processes is delayed, the more owners like us that will be forced from

the track. As we leave, the demand for stable employees will recede and the homeless in Los Angeles will increase. The trainers with the least wealthy of clients will be the first to lose those employees. Those experienced and talented caregivers to horses will be lost to whatever remains of our industry. Again, those of us owners with the least resources, mostly Californians will will be most impacted by their loss if we are ever able to reenter the industry.

Like all of our relatives, friends and neighbors we worry every day about economic recovery in California and the U.S. We are not sufficiently expert in economics to estimate how much local industry in Los Angles is supported by Santa Anita. We know that maintaining horses is expensive. We have bought feed and hired veterinarians for decades. How much of that sort of thing is required to maintain 2,000 horses must keep a lot of jobs in Los Angeles. When we consider how any industry is going to reopen in this uncertain recovery stage of the pandemic, there are few that can do that with as little risk as California horseracing without live audiences. In fact it is hard to think of one. That approach has already been proven a viable process elsewhere. Why not here?

Lou and Pam Cassel  
Murrieta, CA

**From:** [sueshorse@aol.com](mailto:sueshorse@aol.com)  
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**Subject:** Agenda Items 14,19, 20 regarding Meeting April 27,2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:13:16 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I ask as a Breeder and a race horse owner that you will review the extreme safety precautions Santa Anita has set forth with regards to allowing horse racing to reopen without fans in the stands. To date there has been ZERO Covid-19 cases at Santa Anita. Our horsemen and women have taken extreme measure to ensure their safety as well as the safety of all those they come into contact with. We were racing successfully WITHOUT any cases of Covid-19 and we ask you to allow us to reopen and resume racing immediately. This industry contributes financially to the City of Arcadia along with the jobs the racing industry provides to employees and workers on the backstretch. Racing is continuing across the country without fans and NO CASES of Covid-19 have been reported at either Santa Anita, Golden Gate Fields nor Los Alamitos. Therefor we see no reason to not allow the park to reopen immediately.

Sincerely,  
Sue Greene  
Woodbridge Farm  
Race Horse Owner

**From:** [Melody Conlon](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Email from Melody Conlon  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:22:10 PM

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To Whom it may Concern,  
The email from Melody Conlon addresses  
Item 14 Worker Protections  
Item 19 Safely Reopening.

**From:** [Britney Furton](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting April 28 / Agenda Item #: 14 & 19 / Reopen Santa Anita without spectators  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:21:02 PM

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Good afternoon,

Firstly, let me thank you for taking the time to read and consider this email request. I can appreciate how incredibly busy you are during these unprecedented and challenging times.

I'm emailing in regards to the suspension of live racing at Santa Anita Park in which I implore you to reconsider. **This is about the health and welfare of the many men and women caring for the horses. Without the financial support that live racing provides, they risk losing income, housing and health benefits.**

Your department is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of the citizens of this county. Yet **your decision to close the racing operations of Santa Anita Racetrack is one which has a debilitating economic effect and, in turn, a massive health effect on a 750 person community that lives and works at that track.** Safe, live racing and the income that comes from online wagering, is a vital part of the ecosystem and removing it creates instability for those in the community who can least afford it.

The majority of the wages paid to those working on the backstretch and the financial resources to care for horses come directly from the earnings that are made when horses race. For the backstretch employees, the racing element of the ecosystem allows Santa Anita Park to provide safe and secure housing, **enables the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation to offer critical health care services** at the dedicated, onsite medical clinic equally for those with or without insurance and ensures these employees have access to no-cost critical support services.

The point of closing non-essential businesses during a pandemic is to prevent the gathering of crowds to spread the disease. Close contact must be avoided. But you closed Santa Anita racing operations when there were no crowds, no members of the public – or even horse owners permitted. This is contrary to the spirit of Governor Newsom's ban on gatherings since there were no gatherings to shut down. The reality is that **racing under these conditions presents NO higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 for backstretch employees or the community at large.**

In the interest of all the 750 individuals who work and/or live at Santa Anita Racetrack, I urge to you re-evaluate your decision on the basis that the track, with its current and evolving social distancing and other safety practices including banning public attendance, is compliant with the Governor's order regarding public gatherings and that **a continuance of that ban will lead to devastating economic burdens** on the grooms, hotwalkers, caregivers, and their families that depend on racing revenues for their health and wellbeing.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best,  
Britney Furton

**From:** [David Ibershoff](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda items 19 and 20 Re-Opening Santa Anita Park Safely  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:14:55 PM

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27 April 2020

Dear County Supervisors;

I am writing to you to let you know that I am surviving well because I am retired and my social security and other income allows me to survive. The same cannot be said of my employer of the last 48 years; Santa Anita Park.

There exist in medical circles many different viewpoints regarding the Corona Virus 19 (Covid19). All of these viewpoints have some truth. A Stanford University study conducted in Santa Clara County concluded that the mortality rate was between .0012% and .0020% of the people "exposed" to the virus. The high estimate of covid-19 mortality was estimated to be 1/5 of 1% of those exposed, per this study.

Currently, because of the Covid-19 pandemic; the future of Santa Anita Racetrack and the 1,700 jobs directly created by it, are in jeopardy. The racetrack desires to be allowed to operate under extremely stringent medical protocols, with no public people on site and 15-20 individuals operating under medical supervision.

I am humbly requesting your help in lifting the ban on the activity of "no human contact" horse racing. Horse racing is estimated to generate 177,000 jobs statewide.

Please note that, per the data available to me, the following county's permit horse racing without public attendance; Orange County, Broward County, Boone County, and Prince Georges County.

Please consider the extensive health protocols initiated at Santa Anita Park, and allow the racetrack to survive.

Most Cordially Yours,

David Ibershoff

**From:** [Casey Phillips](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:13:05 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to open Santa Anita Race Track for spectatorless racing.

At this time, there are no cases of COVID-19 on the backside and Santa Anita has done its due diligence in researching the best practices to ensure that no cases develop.

Unless racing reconvenes, there is a real probability that the backside workers will lose their homes, their free medical and dental insurance and their livelihoods, and honestly, LA doesn't need any more homeless issues. These workers are essential and their livelihood depends on the handle from the betting public. WIth only five race tracks currently open, bettors are betting at those tracks causing the county and the city of Arcadia to lose valuable income. A portion of that handle is what finances their medical and dental insurance. They also receive a bonus when one of their horses wins.

Ironically, while Santa Anita has been shuttered, right across the street the Arboretum is open and charging \$15.00 per person. Why are they allowed to be open? There are no restrictions being placed on them the way there are with horse racing.

So, PLEASE, open Santa Anita for spectatorless racing. Let the workers work, let us begin to return to normalcy.

Sincerely,

Casey Phillips, RVT

**From:** [Rollercoaster Racing Stable LLC/Lisa Kruse](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please Reinstate Santa Anita Horseracing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:14:54 PM

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Dear LA County Board of Supervisors,

As a Thoroughbred race horse owner, I am writing to appeal the closure of active horse racing at Santa Anita Park.

Allowing the continuation of live racing does not present a health risk to the 1000 + workers on the backstretch who live in dormitories at the track and must be at the track every day to support live training of 1700 horses every day.

Daily training for these horses has already been determined to be an “essential activity” as required animal care and exercise.

The revenue generated from continued live racing at Santa Anita is critical for the Thoroughbred ecosystem to keep these backstretch workers employed. If there is a prolonged period of no racing many of these jobs will certainly be eliminated and up to 1000 people could be added to the current LA homeless problem.

We urge the county to send their inspectors to the Track to witness firsthand the safety precautions in place.

What we are seeking is not extreme or without precedent. All other counties in California where live racing is conducted have accepted these arguments and are allowing live racing to continue under the strict safety precautions that we also have at Santa Anita.

I understand that the Arboretum (across the street from Santa Anita) has been sold out for the past few days, with little care for social distancing. How can this happen, when Santa Anita is prepared and had already been practicing proper protocols?

On a personal note, my partnership group currently has a filly stabled at, and in training at Santa Anita. We and her trainer have been extremely patient and careful with her for over the past 18 months. She is now only 4-5 weeks away from her first race, and please believe me, when I say that we are all very excited to finally see her run (most probably on tv), hopefully at her home track of Santa Anita.

Thank you for your time and consideration!

Best regards,

**Lisa Kruse**  
**Rollercoaster Racing Stable LLC**

**From:** [Jerome Collins](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Opening Back Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:15:26 PM

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To whom it may concern,

My name is David Collins,  
Im a citizen of the United States, resident of Los Angeles.  
Im writing in response of the many people, that would like you to consider opening back Santa Anita Racetrack.

The racetrack has been apart of my life for thirty five years.  
As a former employee, and horse lover. And a lot of people, of all races, and creeds, really  
need the track.  
Please consider in your thoughts, and remain safe.

Thank you for your time and consideration.  
David Collins.

**From:** [Kelly Brinkerhoff](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** B.O.S. Meeting April 28. agenda item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:16:43 PM

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We the people at Santa Anita Racetrack would like to know

1. Why we aren't up and running races in the afternoon even though we haven't had one person sick here on the grounds
2. Why the dept of health was duped by animal activists in shutting us down when we were following every guideline the county had presented us.
3. Why the Arboretum was allowed to remain open across the street when there Aren't guards checking people for masks and temps and social distancing even though Santa Anita has had that in place.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Clarence Diehl](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:19:00 PM

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Let them race!

**From:** [Susan Hanson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re: PUBLIC COMMENT- Meeting date: April 28, 2020 Agenda items#13, 19, 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:19:18 PM

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> Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:  
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> I am writing in support of opening up Spectatorless Live Racing at Santa Anita Racetrack. I am a current licensed owner in the State of California and support the industry and its workers.  
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> During this time of unprecedeted events, it is necessary to act of facts; that said, it has been over one month since the LA County Health Dept. prohibited live racing at Santa Anita, based on a complaint which we have no information and do not know if it was brought forth on facts. What we do know is the following:  
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> Fact: There have been zero reports of positive COVID-19 infections at Santa Anita;  
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> Fact: Live racing at Los Alamitos, under the jurisdiction of the Orange County Board of Supervisors has continued, uninterrupted and unabated with zero reports of COVID-19;  
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> Fact: Santa Anita has implemented strict protocols to strengthen public health and safety for workers and horses;  
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> Fact: Agenda item #20 speaks to opening up LA County. The health and well being of the industry is on the fringe. More than 750 back stretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides.  
> Trainers continue to have expenses to feed, train and keep their horses in peak conditions to run. These are fixed expenses, the horses MUST be taken care of. If live racing does not resume, owners will exit the state, and some may not return;  
>  
> Please explain how Los Alamitos Race Course may continue to run uninterrupted yet Santa Anita may not?  
>  
> Please, open up live racing through the plan Santa Anita has proposed. If needed, comprise a Taskforce, comprised of trainers, backstretch representatives to work with the LA County Board of Supervisors to coordinate and communicate about live racing.  
>  
> Susan Hanson  
> Licensed Owner  
>

**From:** [Steve Pavich](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** PLEASE RE-OPEN SANTA ANITA RACETRACK  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:20:02 PM

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More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing their income, their home, their healthcare, and their way of life without the financial support that live racing provides. Many programs are directly funded by the money taken in, allowing aftercare for horses, healthcare for humans, and many other fundamental necessities.

PLEASE RE-OPEN SANTA ANITA RACETRACK!!!!!!!

**From:** [Chuck Lustig](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Opening  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:21:23 PM

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Hi,

I am a racing fan from Pennsylvania and an advocate for live racing to resume in California. Live racing financially supports many who work at Santa Anita and is important to the well-being of the horses who race there.

Thank you.

Chuck Lustig  
Yardley, Pa

**From:** [Carolyn Gill](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:21:38 PM

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Greetings! All I ask is that you consider the re-opening of Santa Anita (without fans) under the standards of public safety and health, and not according to an unrelated agenda. (Which, incidentally, is based on falsehoods.) To use the Covid 19 crisis as a tool to accomplish a goal which would otherwise be unattainable is both intellectually and morally repugnant--the pandemic does not have a "silver lining," although so-called "activists" used that very term. If you apply the same standards to Santa Anita that you apply to lawn services, libraries, and tattoo parlors, I will be satisfied.

Thank you for considering this message

Carolyn Gill

**From:** [Scott Knight](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda "Resume Spectatorless Live Racing at Santa Anita" - Board Meeting April 28, 2020 at 9:30AM  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:21:45 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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Dear LA County Board of Supervisors,

I am joining the petition of those who support resuming spectatorless live racing at Santa Anita. It makes no sense to put more than 750 back stretch workers out of work when the risk of contracting COVID 19 on Santa Anita property (over 300 acres of open space) is very minimal. These people need their jobs. They risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides. We don't need more homeless people on the streets of Los Angeles especially during a pandemic. And you have control over it. Please make the right prudent decision.

The following are several things to consider when deciding whether or not to resume racing at Santa Anita:

- There have been zero reports of COVID 19 at Santa Anita Race Track
- Los Alamitos continues to have live racing and there have been zero reports of workers testing positive for COVID 19
- We are helping the essential immigrant worker
- Live racing helps take care of workers and our horses
- Spectatorless live racing helps California with economic recovery (we all need that!!!)
- Horse racing in other parts of the country are nearly the only live sporting event on television. We need Santa Anita racing so us sports lovers have something to watch

I really hope you take into consideration all the good that can come from resuming racing at Santa Anita. Only bad things can happen by voting against it. For the workers and for the equine athletes we love so much.

Thanks,

**Scott Knight**  
Managing Principal  
Chief Sales Officer  
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**From:** [Turan Aksoy](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing should start  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:21:59 PM

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Please allow horseracing to start without attendance.

T Aksoy

**From:** [Delrene Sims](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Reinstate racing.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:22:00 PM

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These folks are following strict protocols. They should not be punished for doing the right thing for these animals and the employers. Do not make this political.

Thank you.

Delrene Sims  
Carlsbad, Ca

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mark Verge](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Save jobs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:23:01 PM

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Please start Santa Anita again. They have been through so much. Thanks for all you do for Los Angeles

Mark Verge  
TheVergeCompany.com  
X CEO of Santa Anita  
Founder of WestsideRentals.com  
310.422.0024

**From:** [charles horwitz](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Open Santa Anita Please  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:25:23 PM

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From: **charles horwitz** <[chorwitz12@gmail.com](mailto:chorwitz12@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 2:20 PM  
Subject: Open Santa Anita Please  
To: <[PublicComments@bos.lacounty.org](mailto:PublicComments@bos.lacounty.org)>

Just do the right thing and let them race again. They are doing everything but racing. They are doing all of the protocols. There is no reason for you to deny this any longer. There are no fans and hardly any way to spread the virus in the backstretch.

And it's a good tax source for the county and state.

**From:** [Scott Hazelton](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing at Santa Anita needs to Resume ASAP!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:25:46 PM

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Racing needs to return to Santa Anita. They have more than displayed that they are able to safely operate under the current Covid-19 conditions with the way they have maintained the health and well being of the horses on a daily basis. The economics of not racing is putting hundreds of individuals at risk if losing jobs, healthcare and housing that is directly provided by the racing at Santa Anita. Please make the right call and allow racing to resume without spectators as soon as possible.

Thank you

Scott Hazelton  
[sphazelton@gmail.com](mailto:sphazelton@gmail.com)  
626-807-1200

**From:** [Benoit Photo](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:26:14 PM

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Please allow horse racing at Santa Anita to restart asap...to support the care and survival of the workers and horses and the industry in California.

Rayetta Burr

**From:** [jenine sahadi](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:29:20 PM

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I am writing in support of the thousands of horses and their caretakers at Santa Anita racetrack. Strict protocols have been in place now for some time. They are training safely everyday, but are not allowed to race.

In order for racing to survive, revenue needs to be generated. With no racing, comes no revenue.

Santa Anita is its own ecosystem. Always has been. Our people have been wearing masks and gloves for as long as I can remember. I am a life long race tracker, and am very familiar with the backside.

I also run a 501c3, started twenty years ago, that aids back stretch workers and their families. The infrastructure is crumbling. The only way to support it is allowing the races to go. Spectator free racing was conducted safely for weeks, prior to the shut down.

Please consider allowing the racing to resume. The infrastructure depends on it. Thousands of people and horses depend on this. Thank you

**From:** [Bill Dugan](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Please Resume Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:30:05 PM

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We encourage you to allow racing at Santa Anita to resume. The health and economic security of the backside workers are relying on your decision. Without racing there is no revenue source to continue employing these hard working people. Without work they will be forced to leave the closed community that the track provides and will be forced onto the streets putting them at far greater risk of contracting the Cov19 virus. The track provides them with economic security and the PPE that they need to live safely. The track management and horse organizations are committed to operating in a responsible manner without live fans. Hundreds of horses are cared for and continue to be trained daily even without afternoon live racing. There is no added risk by allowing a far fewer number of horses to race in the afternoon. Please act urgently before this becomes an even greater living nightmare for these hardworking people. If the workers are laid off then the safety of the horses are also severely compromised. Please authorize racing to resume now. Thank you.

**From:** [Lynne White](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Live Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:31:12 PM

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This email is to show support for resuming live racing at Santa Anita, minus spectators. It is my hope that this will happen, to ensure the safety and well being of the people who help take care of these beautiful creatures. While I understand the concern during this health crisis for keeping people separated, it would be my hope that the Stronach Group will maintain proper protocols at the track to ensure everyone's safety. There are so many people affected by the track not operational who have no other means of income. Thank you for your consideration in this matter

Lynne White

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Bob](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Live racing please,  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:31:22 PM

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Horse racing please

**From:** [patty wall](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** horse racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:31:48 PM

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I am a concerned owner of racehorses at Golden Gate Fields. We NEED to start racing again. These horses NEED to race. Everyone has been doing what they're supposed to do to stay safe. Please, please start horse racing up again.

thank you  
Patty Wall  
916-529-2614

**From:** [John Hanna](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:31:56 PM

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Please reinstate horse racing at Santa Anita!

John Hanna

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Frank M](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:32:03 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

As a supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed the challenges of Thoroughbred Racing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. I've spoken with various stakeholders, community leaders and citizens inside and outside the industry. The ban put in place by LA County for an industry that supports nearly a thousand people in the LA community seems to be an unnecessary action that will place a significant hardship on those same individuals who perform essentially the same functions with the racing ban in effect or not.

There are several upsides to allowing the racing to continue with few downsides. Santa Anita provides an ideal environment that could operate safely under current conditions. Most staff needed to care for the horses already live on site and have been following the protocols that have been put in place. Those few who commute back and forth such as trainers and veterinarians take the corona virus seriously and do all the things requisite to maintaining sanitary conditions.

Allowing racing to continue provides for continued purse distributions that generates the revenue needed to keep staff employed in addition to much needed revenues for the city, county and state. For people locally, nationwide and worldwide it provides a wonderful mental pause to the pandemic and allows fans to stay in their homes to enjoy the sport on TV or laptops. The absence of racing not only creates a hardship for the owners and trainers but also for the staff that live check to check.

If these workers continue to lose the revenue provided by purse distributions it will certainly create a tremendous hardship and added stress to an already stressful situation. The absence of racing will likely force many of these workers into homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,

Frank Maslowski



**From:** [Mark Paul](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Please restart Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:32:07 PM

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Over 750 jobs count on this! If not these horse must be moved to other tracks wherein racing is allowed.

We LOVE our horses !! Help!!

**Mark Paul**

*Home office:* 424.204.9178

*Cell:* 310.738.8330

[mark@markjpaul.com](mailto:mark@markjpaul.com)

**From:** [Sergio Peña](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:33:37 PM

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Hello,

I am writing to advocate for a resumption of horse racing at Santa Anita. I have been going to Santa Anita for 30+ years, and it has always been a great experience.

Ever since COVID-19 hit, we have all been decimated by in home restrictions, without a passing thought on what this is doing to many's mental health. We need distractions from the woes of the world, and horse racing can be something that many of us can enjoy to get a respite from all the negativity.

Santa Anita and other tracks have put forth strict measures to ensure people are safe. They won't allow fans on-track, and from all I've read, are ready to implement more safety measures to ensure the safety of all those involved in the day to day racetrack affairs.

Other tracks have continued racing in the US, primarily in Oklahoma, Florida, and Arkansas. While I can't say how much the states are receiving, I am sure that these states are receiving funds from the racetracks for state coffers due to the continuance of racing.

By allowing racing to return, you can benefit many. You can benefit the state, the local racetrack workers (trainers, grooms, jockeys, etc), and most of all, you can provide a mental benefit to the many that have nothing to look forward to right now.

I hope that you can consider the reopening based on merits of the plan rather than by political pressure from the vocal minority that seems to want to eradicate the industry as a whole. Here's hoping for a reversal of opinion from the board.

Sincerely,

Sergio Peña  
Horse Racing Fan and advocate

**From:** [Alexis Christina Garske](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please allow live racing to resume at Santa Anita Park to support the more than 750 backstretch workers there!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:35:18 PM

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Please allow Santa Anita Park to resume live horse racing. While training has been allowed to continue this, unfortunately, does nothing for the many people who rely on the financial support racing provides them.

Live racing, and the money generated directly from it, is what funds countless programs that affect these people's paychecks and healthcare system. Not allowing live racing to resume with essentially the exact same number of people on the grounds that are already present for training is both ridiculous and irresponsible.

These people are only earning money from a live racing product as are many, many ancillary programs and organizations put in place years ago to be directly funded by the wagering dollar, thus making them possible at all.

Furthermore, to allow the Arboretum directly across the street to not only stay open to sold-out crowds of locals while hundreds upon hundreds of people are suffering and stressed only feet away on the other side of the street is immoral.

Santa Anita Park and The Stronach Group have provided a comprehensive plan to start racing again both "spectator-less" and with strict protocols in place to ensure everyone's safety and it's unthinkable that they are not being allowed to do so when clearly some others still are. The parties involved are more than willing to do all it would take to do this in a responsible manner so why are they not being heard? Why are these people still suffering and worried about their livelihoods?

Thank you for accepting my comments,  
Alexis Garske of Monrovia, CA

**From:** [Alan Denkenson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:36:40 PM

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As a fundraiser for Southern California Thoroughbred Horse Rescue , a non-profit rescue for former racehorses I urge you to re-open Santa Anita Park...There are currently five racetracks that run full cards and are maintaining their regular schedule in a safe and efficient manner including one in Orange County... Re-opening the track will save over 750 jobs of those who work and live in the backstretch...It would also save countless lives of the horses where many would die a horrific death in a Mexican slaughterhouse ... I have heard you might be influenced by PETA... If so please do some research as Peta is all about money and does not have the best interests of the animals in their program ... Thanks for reading my letter....

Alan Denkenson

**From:** [Paul Choate](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Working  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:37:35 PM

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To whom it may concern:

Please allow "back stretch workers to work with restrictions of course for everyone's safety Thank You Paul Choate

**From:** [matthewjellis3269](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** CA Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:38:40 PM

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4/27/2020

All Esteemed Sirs and Madames;

It's Time to allow CA Horse Racing to resume live racing(without fans). It's been proven by FL Racing that it can be done effectively and most importantly Safely. The equine athletes and horsemen MUST return to their livelihoods. Please seriously consider this Imperative economical Industry to resume.

Sincerely,  
Matthew J.Ellis

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**From:** [Marla Zanelli](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Items #14, #19, #20 Reopen Santa Anita to Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:23:24 PM

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LA County Health Board,

It is time to open your minds and hearts to the horses of thoroughbred racing and the people who train, own and care for the horses. Other race tracks are allowed to race without spectators, as the environment of the race track is already in a lock down type setting. The racing helps pay the salaries of all the people involved caring and training these magnificent animals, it feeds these horses, helps keep their environment sanitary and clean and also provides money to the State which pays your salaries. There is only one answer today, and that answer is **yes**, you can **re-open**. If the Arboretum across the street can be open to the public, Santa Anita Racetrack can be open to the people in the industry.

I implore you to do the right thing today. Thank you.

**Marla Zanelli**

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**From:** [Russ Sapienza](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:33:29 PM

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Thank you for your consideration,

Russ Sapienza

**From:** [jrcvago1@aol.com](mailto:jrcvago1@aol.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:50:23 PM

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Honorable Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

As a Jockey and Exercise Rider, I have been a member of the race track family for 35 years and horses have been a big part of my life. I have seen the hard work we do with the horses. The horses love us and we love them. Our job is 7 days a week, 24 hours a day and we depend on live racing for the housing, health benefits, and financial support for our family. The COVID19 has devastated the country and we all have tried to control it and keep it from spreading. We have been successful at Santa Anita Racetrack, following the preventive guidelines and not having ONE racetrack family member at Santa Anita Racetrack test positive. Our lives depend on the Racetrack. Please Flatten the Curve, Not us- We Need Live Racing Now!

Thank you,

James Corral

Retired Jockey and Exercise Rider

**From:** [Kim Lozano](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** FW: PUBLIC COMMENT/RICHARD BARTON  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:16:57 PM  
**Attachments:** [\[Untitled\].pdf](#)

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Please see attached letter from Richard Barton.

-----Original Message-----

From: documents@cal-pack.com [<mailto:documents@cal-pack.com>]  
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:58 AM  
To: Kim Lozano <[KLozano@Cal-Pack.com](mailto:KLozano@Cal-Pack.com)>  
Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT/RICHARD BARTON

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Public Comments @ BOS.LACOUNTY.GOV

Dear Board of Supervisors :

I am writing you in support of your favorable consideration to reopen Santa Anita Park.

Santa Anita has not, to my knowledge, experienced any Co Vid virus cases, even though there are nearly 1000 people that work at the facility every day, caring for the horses.

Santa Anita management has obviously developed successful procedures to minimize the risk to their employees at a substantial cost to them.

By keeping Santa Anita closed to racing, you are hurting the financial solvency of Santa Anita, the City of Arcadia, the State of California, and the various owners and trainers of the horses that are incurring costs without any possibility of future income.

By keeping the facility closed, you are not minimizing or eliminating the risk of the virus since the employees of Santa Anita must go to work at the track daily to care for the horses at the track, a job that was classified as essential by the government.

If the public is banned from the facility, there will be no additional danger of the virus than is currently being experienced by the employees that live and work at Santa Anita under strict health procedures.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Barton

951-787-6706

**From:** [Robert Estrada](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Track  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:09:07 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I am race horse owner here in California. I own horses at Santa Anita and Golden Gate Fields. I believe that Santa Anita should re-open ASAP. The reason it should open ASAP is because there are thousands of backstretch workers that are losing their jobs. As you know Santa Anita is one of the biggest tracks in the country and it also is affecting all of us horsemen financially. There are other race tracks including Los Alamitos that are operating safely and successfully. We love our horses and would love to keep racing safely and with new regulations pertaining to Covid-19. Thank you for your consideration and hope we have California racing promptly.

Thank you,

Roberto Estrada

**From:** [Michael Valiante](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Items 14, 19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:07:58 PM

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Prohibiting racing with protocols at Santa Anita is neither logical nor equitable. Please consider...

- A shutdown prevents those who must continue to work on the backstretch, to care for the welfare of the horses, from earning a living.
- A shutdown decreases revenue to the state at a time when it is desperately needed.
- If indoor liquor sales can be classified as “safe and essential”, so too can outdoor racing.
- A shutdown prohibits the viewing public from having a form of entertainment that serves as a respite from the boredom and stress being imposed on them.
- The shutdown effects an industry with a large immigrant participation rate. These individuals came to this country to share in its opportunities. Let’s make sure they are not victims of government overreach.
- For the individual worker, every job is essential. Bureaucrats who are getting paid have no right to deny others their pursuit of happiness and their right to earn a living.
- Racing is being held safely with protocols at number of other tracks.

Thank you for your time.

**From:** [Ed](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Santa Anita Racing -14-19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:07:31 PM

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Dear Sir / Madame

I implore you to reopen horse racing at Santa Anita. There have been zero % reports from Santa Anita along with zero reports from Los Alamitos and the other tracks thru out the rest of the country. Spectator-less racing should be classified as an essential business. Santa Anita has shown it can and will do everything possible to keep the environment safe and covid free. I speak as an owner who currently is in jeopardy of having to give up racing and breeding due to lack of finances which I get through purses. For the sake of all the workers, trainers, jockeys, owners, breeders, farriers, veterinarians, advisors, agents, track workers and all of their family s who depend on racing to survive ...please allow Santa Anita to reopen for racing with any conditions you may feel necessary to impose. Let us help each other and the state of California to recover from this Covid tragedy.

Thank You Ed Delaney

**From:** [Roy Belmonte](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Santa Anita re opening  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:07:10 PM

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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Roy Belmonte <shamrockbase@aol.com>  
**Date:** March 29, 2020 at 10:15:04 AM PDT  
**To:** Kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov  
**Subject: Santa Anita re opening**

Hello. Hope you doing well. Please be safe

Please consider re opening Santa Anita

During these tough times it is important to have a sport available for people to enjoy and get their mind off the terrible current situation we are in

I've heard the track is taking important extra measures to keep all safe .

Please consider keeping Santa Anita open so that people can enjoy a live sport and help people psychologically survive during these hard times

Thank you

Sincerely

Mr. Belmonte  
626 287 5821

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [BRIAN BOND](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:07:00 PM

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Please reinstate racing. It can be done (see Oaklawn/Gulfstream). California (and the West Coast) has a rich tradition of “trail-blazing” but now, we’re just trailing. Let’s bring live racing back, before horseman’s livelihoods are destroyed.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Rick](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:06:27 PM

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Other jurisdictions have shown that horse racing can continue safely. The addition of racing to the normal routine on the backside can be brought about safely if the proper precautions are taken. As one of the many horse racing fans I must say that racing has been a Godsend.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Rhonda Ennis](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Bring back live racing!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:02:20 PM

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To whom it may concern,

The backside of a racetrack is it's own unique world. The specially skilled and dedicated workers who live there and take care of the horses have been committed to ensuring all the safety protocols were met. There is no good reason to continue to prevent this industry from moving forward with the live racing schedule. Failing to do so jeopardizes not only the industry but also an entire population of people who will eventually lose their jobs and safe havens exposing them to far greater risks than running races with controlled access would.

Please allow common sense to rule, surely LA County is at least as capable as Orange County, who along with Hot Springs Arkansas, Tampa Bay and Hallandale in Florida, and other districts are safely conducting race meets.

Thank you for your consideration, the horses and horsemen need your support at this time.

Best Regards,  
Rhonda Ennis

**From:** [steve whitcomb](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Support Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:02:11 PM

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Please Open Santa Anita

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michael Pirrung](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Horse racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:55:22 PM

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To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of a proposal from The Stronach Group that would permit thoroughbred horse racing to resume at Santa Anita Park. As I reside in Orange County, I am not your constituent, but I have been a dedicated patron of horse racing at Santa Anita for many years, so I have contributed to the economic well-being of Los Angeles County.

The terms of the current orders related to the COVID-19 outbreak make clear that those involved in the care of animals are considered essential. It has thus been permitted that the staff required to care for the over 1000 horses housed at Santa Anita be able to continue their work, subject to appropriate precautions such as PPE and maintaining social distance. They have done this well, and maintained an excellent record concerning staying safe from infection. What may not be apparent to some who are not familiar with the practices of horse racing is that the number of people required to conduct racing in the afternoons is dwarfed by the number involved in horse care. Gate workers, riders, and trainers of horses racing amount to a few dozen people, most of them also involved in horse care in the mornings. There is very little if any incremental risk of the pandemic to conducting racing and horse care, compared to only horse care. It is also true that racing is the way that all involved in the enterprise of horse racing earn their living. In the absence of that income, I cannot fathom how we would begin to give racehorses the kind of care they deserve going forward.

I realize that TSG made a detailed proposal to the County concerning the terms and procedures of resuming racing, which likely goes into far more detail about how they believe they can do so safely. My opinions echo theirs, so I do not need to repeat their arguments, only to endorse them.

Here's wishing you and yours the best of health in this trying time.

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Best Regards,

Dr. Michael Pirrung  
Distinguished Professor of Chemistry  
University of California  
Riverside, CA 92521  
Professor of Pharmaceutical Science  
University of California  
Irvine, CA 92697  
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Room 448, Chemical Sciences

All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered;  
the point is to discover them. Galileo Galilei (1564 - 1642).

**From:** [scott frisch](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Horse racing supports lives. Keep it going!!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:02:16 PM

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**From:** [Barbara Ellmaker](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:57:20 PM

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Please let the horses run without spectators. It is good for the horses and will enable the owners to not have to send any horses to slaughter Please

**From:** [James Boegl](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** It's time  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:48:20 PM

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Please do consider the many backstretch workers at Santa Anita, Del Mar, Golden Gate and Los Alamitos when deciding to re-open those facilities on a safe and controlled basis.

Thank you,

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James Boegl  


**From:** [patricia nielsen](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Live Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:47:27 PM

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Please consider continuing live race for those of us who love and follow the sport. Thank you.

Patricia Nielsen  
Watertown, NY  
[pnie\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:pnie_1999@yahoo.com)

**From:** [Elizabeth Converse](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Resume horse racing please!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:38:44 PM

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Many families depend on horse racing. Please resume

**From:** [Britney Furton](#)  
**To:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting April 28 / Agenda Item #: 14 & 19 / Reopen Santa Anita Park without spectators  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:39:20 PM

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**Attn: Meeting April 28**  
**Agenda Item #: 14 & 19**  
**Re: Reopen Santa Anita Park without spectators**

Good afternoon,

Firstly, I wanted to thank you for your work during such challenging times and I appreciate you taking the time to read this email.

I'm touching base in regards to the mandate given Friday, March 27 to Santa Anita Park to suspend live racing.

I'd encourage you to reconsider this decision based on the following:

1. Since March 15 the racetrack has been closed to the public and **zero positive cases** of COVID-19 have been found.
2. Incredibly **strict protocols** have been implemented limiting the amount of people on the backside in the morning and afternoon. And recently, **additional protocols were implemented** to limit the interaction the jockeys will have with others restricting them from backside access in the morning.
3. Thoroughbreds, much like any other athlete, **require daily exercise and a regular routine** ensures their health and well being.
4. As living, breathing beings these **animals require constant human supervision** and care to ensure their survival.
5. Many of these men and women live on the backside and are essentially in their own "self quarantined" area where they live. **Their livelihood depends upon the animals they care for being able to train and race.**
6. Live racing is the economic engine that provides over 750 backstretch workers with income, housing, and health benefits. **ALL** are in jeopardy until live racing resumes.

As I've highlighted above, the cancellation of racing is a domino effect both financially and mentally for all involved. **Without the financial support that live racing provides, over 750 workers on the backstretch risk losing income, housing and health benefits.** The reality is that racing under these protocols and conditions presents NO higher risk of exposure to COVID-19 for backstretch employees or the community at large. So again, I ask that you reconsider this decision and reopen Santa Anita Park for live racing, without spectators, immediately.

I thank you for your time and appreciate your consideration. Stay safe and healthy.

Best,  
Britney Furton

**From:** [Julie Sorenson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** B.O.S. Meeting, April 28, agenda item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:20:05 PM

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Why are the horseman not allowed to run if there is no COVID-19 in that community and they've complied with everything?

**From:** [Doug Shepherd](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:19:41 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

As a supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed racing's challenges amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. I've communicated with various stake holders, community leaders and citizens inside and outside the industry. The current ban put in place by LA County for an industry that supports nearly a thousand people in the LA community seems to be unnecessary and will result in significant hardship on the individuals who must perform essentially the same functions with the racing ban in effect or not.

There are several upsides to allowing the racing to continue with few downsides. Santa Anita provides an ideal environment that could operate safely under current conditions. Most staff needed to care for the horses already live on site and have been following medical protocols. The few who commute back and forth, such as trainers and veterinarians, take the corona virus seriously and do all the things requisite to maintaining sanitary conditions.

Allowing racing to continue provides for continued purse distributions that generate the revenue needed to keep staff employed, in addition to much needed revenues for the city, county and state. For people locally, nationwide and worldwide it provides a wonderful mental pause to the pandemic and allows fans to stay in their homes and enjoy the sport on TV or laptops. The absence of racing not only creates a hardship for the owners and trainers but, more consequentially, for the staff whom typically live paycheck to paycheck.

If these workers continue to lose the revenue provided by purse distributions, it will certainly create a tremendous hardship and added stress to an already stressful situation.

Thank you for your consideration,

J. Douglas Shepherd

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Newport Beach, California 92660  
Dir: 949-721-5565  
mail to: [jds@bblawgroup.com](mailto:jds@bblawgroup.com)

**From:** [anne sanguinetti](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 19-Safely Reopening LA County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:19:26 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors-

My name is Anne Sanguinetti, and I am a thoroughbred jockey and exercise rider who has worked at Santa Anita racetrack in Arcadia. I am writing to express my support for the resumption of spectator free racing at Santa Anita.

Hundreds of horses and, more importantly, humans depend on racing to survive, and the current shut down of racing endangers the health and well being of everyone at Santa Anita. Without racing, the owners and trainers of racehorses have no revenue coming in, yet their expenses remain fixed as horses require constant care and feeding regardless of what is happening in the outside world. The racetrack is a far more closed community than other workplaces, and the necessary care and exercising of the hundreds of horses stabled there has been ongoing without incident since the covid-19 crisis began. Spectator free racing likewise occurred successfully at the track for two weeks, and I believe that the resumption of racing is in the best interests of everyone.

There are far fewer people involved in putting on the races than there are involved in training every morning, so conducting the races does not in any way pose additional risks of virus transmission. The protocols that have already been put in place at Santa Anita have been successful, and they have proposed additional safeguards to further improve those protocols.

We all share the same goal of protecting public health, and protecting public health also requires protecting small businesses and their employees' livelihoods. Without the resumption of racing, hundreds of people are at serious risk of financial ruin, and further, hundreds of horses will be put at risk when their owners can no longer afford to pay for their care. Continuing the current shut down of racing does not further the goal of protecting people from covid-19, but it does cause severe harm to a vast number of hard working people and the horses we love and care for with all of our hearts.

Thank you so much for your consideration of this issue.

Sincerely-

Anne Sanguinetti

**From:** [Travis Tormey](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:19:12 PM

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You should open Santa Anita park. They've been running in Florida and Arkansas without issue. And the horses need the exercise and it keeps the backstretch workers employed. Please, thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Martha Dugan](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Track  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:18:07 PM

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To The Board Refering to action items 14&19

Please reopen spectator less live racing -consider the 750 backstretch workers jobs housing and health benefits on the line not to mention our race horses being compromised- These fine people are following all the healthy requirements and racing can help power our economic recovery ! Please consider all envolved.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [souheil bisharat](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:18:06 PM

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Dear county supervisors.

I am a small horse owner who relies on racing his horse at least once a month on order to secure some placement money to pay the monthly fee of about \$4,000.00 . It has been 2 full months since he ran and it will be 2 to 3 weeks before he runs, mathematically I am going to be out the sum of 10 thousand dollars if the track is allowed to open this week. This is a common situation for hundreds of owners like me. Please open Santa Anita now, look at all the other states that have not shut down there tracks and sustained no issues with the virus. The owners, the city, the county, the state all lost money by the closing of the track. Betting monies in the millions left the state in favor of other states that continued to race.

Thank you and I hope this wasn't too long of a text.

Sincerely,  
Souheil bisharat

**From:** [Rick Palmer](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita - Items 14 - Worker Protection, Item 19- Safely Reopening LA County, Item 20 - Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:16:14 PM

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Honorable Supervisors, Ladies and Gentlemen

I have been involved in thoroughbred horse racing for the past 40 years. I want to go on record in supporting the other owners, trainers and backstretch personnel in advocating and actively supporting the re-opening of Santa Anita Park for live thoroughbred horse racing. It is understood that for at least a period of time, this re-opening would be "spectatorless" but I am hopeful that soon owners, such as myself, would be allowed to attend the races on the days their horses are running and eventually spectators and other fans of the sport will also be allowed to return to the track.

It should be noted that Los Alamitos Race Course has successfully been operating in a spectatorless environment without any incidents of COVID-19. There is no reason why Santa Anita should not be allowed to re-open with similar protocols and preventative measures being taken. It is unfortunate that this has become a political issue where representatives of PETA have used the pandemic to advance their false narrative and harmful agenda in an attempt to keep Santa Anita closed permanently.

Many trainers and backstretch personnel rely on Santa Anita to make a living and they are currently being deprived of that opportunity. I have read Santa Anita's proposal in detail and I am very impressed with all of the safeguards being proposed by track management to ensure the safety of the horses and the on-track personnel. As a former Risk Manager of a large insurance company, I can assure you that this proposal is well designed and with insightful and detailed measures for mitigating the potential risks associated with the virus.

I strongly urge you to immediately allow Santa Anita to resume live racing and take whatever other measures you can to safely re-open our economy safely.

Richard A. Palmer

**From:** [Jordan Moore](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing in CA  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:15:33 PM

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Please consider allowing horse racing to reopen in California with no spectators. This industry is very dependent on racing and has been shown that this can be safely and successfully done in other states. Thanks for your consideration!

Jordan Moore

**From:** [Amy Tremper](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Racetrack Reopen  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:15:30 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please open live racing at Santa Anita. The public does not need to attend but the backside workers need our help. The horses need to race for their health and well being.

**From:** [GRANT W BAKER](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:14:52 PM

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Santa Anita Park is taking extraordinary precautions with regards to the Corona-virus. Face mask usage is excellent and so is social distancing. I respectfully request for horse racing to resume at this beautiful 76 year-old historic venue without fans in attendance. Thank you.

Grant Baker

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Michael Trager](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting reopening of live racing in LA County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:13:18 PM  
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As a horse owner and racing fan, I urge you to reopen live racing in LA County. There is a safety plan proposed and the other race tracks which have been open have been racing safely. This is an opportunity to support the rank and file workers whose lives depend upon racing.

Thank you.

**Michael H. Trager, CPA, MST – Partner**

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**From:** [Dave Bullen](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Allowing Live Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:11:23 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

We have been presented with a situation that is a "damned if we do and damned if we don't." No one wants anyone to get sick and/or die, but no one wants to see people lose the ability to feed their family and have a roof over their head. We have enough of that already in L.A. County and California. People have sacrificed for many weeks now. It's time, with the proper safeguards, to allow horse racing to resume. I've watched Gulfstream Park, Oaklawn and other sites provide racing through the last several weeks. To the best of my knowledge, no one has contacted the virus as a result. To keep Santa Anita closed any longer will probably end horse racing in southern California. It was shaky before the virus and, by now, standing on one leg. I realize that public safety is a good part of your responsibility, but for those that don't have anywhere else to turn, it's time to allow them to take care of their jobs and the horses as well. We all take a chance getting out of bed each morning. From my observation, you're more apt to die from a driver running a red light (apparently red means run it in So. Cal.) than dying from the virus.

Respectfully,

David Bullen

**From:** [Peter Rotondo](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:11:00 PM

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Dear LAC Board of Supervisors,

We know you care about human life so please let Santa Anita racetrack open and run their races. There is an ecosystem on the grounds of Santa Anita that simply needs to be allowed to operate so the people who take care of the horses can make a living.

Horse racing is being safely run without spectators all of the USA from Florida to Nebraska to Arkansas to Oklahoma,

Please allow these people to make a living and give fans a welcome distraction.

If the LA Arboretum can safely operate, the racetrack located just across the street can operate safely as well.

Thanks in advance for your consideraton.

Peter Rotondo

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**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
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Peter Rotondo

**From:** [D48511](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:10:14 PM

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We need the racing community back in action. So many people depend on this industry for their incomes, homes and health insurance. The horses they take care of deserve the best care possible and the love that these people provide. You need to take care of both human and equine lives.

Thank you

**From:** [Big Man On Campus](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** SANTA ANITA  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:42:08 PM

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PLEASE MOVE TO OPEN SANTA ANITA RACETRACK!!!!

**From:** [Sue Horn](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Resuming Spectatorless Racing at Santa Anita Racetrack  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:42:08 PM

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To Whom it May Concern:

I am responding to Agenda items 14: Protecting Public Worker Health, Item 20 - Horse Power Our Economic Recovery Responsibility, and Item - 19 Worker Protections.

I am VERY concerned that spectatorless racing at Santa Anita race track is being impeded by special interest animal extremist groups and not by actual data and consideration by the L.A. City Council. This is not a time for personal feelings. Horse racing is a viable business that provides millions in revenue for local and state government in California. Eliminating the ability for this revenue to be generated is not in the best interest of California and its taxpayers.

Los Alamitos has been racing with ZERO Covid-19 incidents. Santa Anita has also had ZERO incidents of COVID-19. There are extensive procedures in place and they are following all CDC recommendations. I am sure you are aware that there is a large population of on-site workers that remain on-site at Santa Anita because the horses must be cared for daily. They are suffering during this forced shutdown.

I respectfully request that you allow racing to resume at Santa Anita as soon as possible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sue Pecenka  
1317 N. 5th Avenue  
Upland, CA 91786  
909-446-5144

**From:** [ofveracity1@gmail.com](mailto:ofveracity1@gmail.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Open Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:42:03 PM

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Please re-open Santa Anita.

This is a covid free area, and is full of people that will lose their home and livelyhood.

If yhe Arboretum can be open, there is no reason that Santa Anita cant be open.

Thank you, go Horse Racing!

**From:** [Mitchell McMahon](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** CA Backstretch workers & Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:41:50 PM

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14-Worker Protections 19-Safely Reopening LA County 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.

Hello,

I urge you to re-open racing at Santa Anita for so many reasons. Human, equine and economy is at AVOIDABLE risk. A ban only exacerbates the risk...the best thing to do for everyone is reopen with the extreme cautionary measures introduce by Santa Anita (which make the beaches looks absolutely appalling).

As you must already know, the horses can't feed and exercise themselves. The resources required to race and minimally, in any, beyond what is incontrovertibly required for equine safety and well-being. A ban on re-opening amounts to a selective punishment of an industry for no sensible reason, certainly not one related Covid-19 risks. If the sport can't take in revenue, you're suffocating it, and all those that work for it and in it.

Covid-19 cannot be used as an opportunity to sabotage this industry, the jobs, the horses, and the micro-economy is Santa Anita supports.

Some predictable risks from a prolonged shutdown:

Unemployment rise.

Homelessness increase

Crime likely from lack of money. Many of the workers don't have digital banking and won't get their absurd 1200 for 6 mos if ever.

Fiscal burdens on the City to support the fallout.

Unwanted horses issues:

Horses be shipped to other states.

Owners and trainers will go broke.

This is all very avoidable. Right now horse racing is one of the only sports that can be run without fans and continue normal economic flows. It should not be punished because it other non-essential businesses can't be similar run with out risk. That's really the point. It's not the horsemen or Santa Anita's fault that bars and movie theaters can't be open. It would be like shutting down Netflix because Universal Studios is a Covid-19 risk.

Please don't punish.

Finally, the broader national economy is also at enhanced risk from a trickle up effect. Horse

racing is an interlinked business, from farm to sales to racetracks. A closure at Santa Anita has broad ranging negative impacts owners across the country.

IF anything, in these times, an industry should be supported by the state it operates in, not kneecapped by political extremists or have our cries for help be drowned out by louder minorities seeking to leverage a humanitarian crisis to push their agenda (by perpetuating a WORSE humanitarian crisis).

Thank you,  
Mitchell McMahon

**From:** [Colin T. McCarthy](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Support For "LA COUNTY BOARD of SUPERVISORS MEETING" // TUESDAY APRIL 28th 2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:41:28 PM

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Hi,

My name is Colin McCarthy and I'm writing today to support LIVE RACING at Santa Anita and Los Alamitos race tracks. As at this time, there have been zero reports of Covid 19 infections as a result.

During these incredibly difficult times, if there is a safe and constructive activity such as horse racing being conducted within our community, it is my opinion that it is the duty of governmental bodies to support those activities. There is so much economic uncertainty in all industries these days that if there's even the smallest chance we can provide work for employees, etc of the tracks, it is paramount we do so. Both tracks have proven they have the oversight and leadership to allow these races to be conducted safely for everyone involved. So long as that remains a reality, I see no reason to keep this community from generating much needed economic revenue.

My family, business partners and friends have been involved in this industry for generations. My great grandfather, George McCarthy, founded multiple horse and dog tracks in this country. Through many turbulent times, this industry has been a proven leader in forging a path back to financial prosperity. Now shouldn't be any different.

I'm available anytime for further questions.

Thank you and PLEASE CONSIDER allowing us to get back to LIVE RACING!

-Colin T. McCarthy-

**Colin T. McCarthy** // Creative Director & VP // c.917.838.4955 // 305 S. Hewitt St. DTLA, CA 90013



**From:** [Dan Pennington](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:40:59 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

As a supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed the challenges of Thoroughbred Racing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. I've spoken with various stakeholders, community leaders and citizens inside and outside the industry. The ban put in place by LA County for an industry that supports nearly a thousand people in the LA community seems to be an unnecessary action that will place a significant hardship on those same individuals who perform essentially the same functions with the racing ban in effect or not.

There are several upsides to allowing the racing to continue with few downsides. Santa Anita provides an ideal environment that could operate safely under current conditions. Most staff needed to care for the horses already live on site and have been following the protocols that have been put in place. Those few who commute back and forth such as trainers and veterinarians take the corona virus seriously and do all the things requisite to maintaining sanitary conditions.

Allowing racing to continue provides for continued purse distributions that generates the revenue needed to keep staff employed in addition to much needed revenues for the city, county and state. For people locally, nationwide and worldwide it provides a wonderful mental pause to the pandemic and allows fans to stay in their homes to enjoy the sport on TV or laptops. The absence of racing not only creates a hardship for the owners and trainers but also for the staff that live check to check.

If these workers continue to lose the revenue provided by purse distributions it will certainly create a tremendous hardship and added stress to an already stressful situation. The absence of racing will likely force many of these workers into homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dan

**Dan Pennington**

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**From:** [Karen Johnson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Items 19 and 20 - resuming racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:46:52 AM

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Please allow racing - without spectators - to resume at Santa Anita.

More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides. Santa Anita was racing without spectators before racing was suspended on March 27th, and there were no cases of Covid-19 reported.

Other tracks throughout the country have been racing without spectators, and without incidents. With proper protocols in place, Santa Anita could be doing the same.

Horse racing provides a vital economic benefit to the state, as well to all the people who love and care for our equine athletes. Please allow racing to continue at Santa Anita.

Thank you,  
Karen A. Johnson

**From:** [ALISSA MAYER](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** #19 .Spectatorfree Live Racing S.A.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:45:38 AM

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As someone who has worked in T. B. Racing since 1980 in various positions . (Exercise Rider . Groom hotwalker foreman assistant to blacksmith ponygirl Tackshop employee etc. ) I am making a plea to resume racing . The purses tha tare earned not to mentioned all the jobs that go along with racing are so important to the survival of thousands of people . The large trainers will survive but the medium and small trainers who depend on the earnings of their horse to pay their help their feed bill their tack bill their vet bill their blacksmith bill and pay their own bills will not . And in the welfare of the horses which is most important will suffer . These are trained athletes who need to compete Not doing so is detrimental to teir physical and mental well being . And when a trainer cant pay their feed vet blacksmith bill the quality of their care will be affected . So please Consider all who are being affected by this shutdown of racing **ESPECIALLY THE HORSES .**

**From:** [itr@cox.net](mailto:itr@cox.net)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:20:29 AM

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Dear Members of the Board,

As a resident of California and supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed the challenges of Thoroughbred Racing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. I've spoken with various stake holders, community leaders and citizens inside and outside the industry. The ban put in place by LA County for an industry that supports nearly a thousand people in our community seems to be an unnecessary action that will place a significant hardship on those same individuals who perform essentially the same functions with the racing ban in effect or not. There are several upsides to allowing the racing to continue with few downsides. Santa Anita provides an ideal environment that could operate safely under current conditions. Most staff needed to care for the horses already live on site and have been following the protocols that have been put in place. Those few who commute back and forth such as trainers and veterinarians take the corona virus seriously and do all the things requisite to maintaining sanitary conditions. Allowing racing to continue provides for continued purse distributions that generates the revenue needed to keep staff employed in addition to much needed revenues for the city, county and state. For people locally, nationwide and worldwide it provides a wonderful mental pause to the pandemic and allows fans to stay in their homes to enjoy the sport on TV or laptops. The absence of racing not only creates a hardship for the owners and trainers but also for the staff that live check to check. If these workers continue to lose the revenue provided by purse distributions it will certainly create a tremendous hardship and added stress to an already stressful situation. The absence of racing will likely force many of these workers into homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,

Leonard Miranda

**From:** [RJ ONORATO](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Politics, Politics, Politics & Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:52:11 AM

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Tomorrow, 4/27/2020 you as the Board of Supervisors will take up a motion regarding the putting back to work and supporting of 750 plus workers and their families in LA County. When the LA Health dept decided racing at Santa Anita was a non-essential activity, they also decided the animals and humans who took care of them were also non-essential. This occurred due to POLITICAL pressure from political groups with their own agenda. It's quite clear, especially taking into account that the Arboretum which is directly across the street is still operating with 1000 visitors a day taking tours. Please do what's right and support the back stretch workers and their families.

Richard Onorato

**From:** [Johnny Taboada](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** meeting 4/28/2020 -items #14, 19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:42:27 AM

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Good afternoon,

Allowing racing at Santa Anita park with the current safety procedures, which far exceeds any other race currently any racetrack that is racing, is the right thing to do not only to the thousands of people who relies on this to make a honest living in this county but to the horses as well. Allowing racing the afternoons under the new protocols, will not increase any chances of this pandemic to increase. On the contrary by racing, it will allow horses to have more down time and less human interaction due to resting required after racing. If horses aren't allowed to race, they become impatient and required much more handling and human interaction. Allowing racing to re-open in LA county is essential for the well-being of these horses and the many families that need the financial support provided by racing.

Thank you

**Johnny D. Taboada, MBA**

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From: [Patty Shenker](#)  
To: [PublicComments](#)  
Subject: Horse Racing  
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 11:19:58 AM

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**Dear Board of Supervisors,**

We are sorry to bother you during this pandemic but we are very concerned about the re-opening of racetracks in California.

Even now, we find it very short sighted & outrageous that the Ca. Horse Racing Board (CHRB) are continuing to have training & races at this time- and still killing horses on a regular basis. Already in 2020, 36 horses have been killed here in California. 12 of them at Santa Anita since Dec. 26, 2019.

While I credit the CHRB for finally closing Santa Anita, Los Alamitos continues to train & race & their wanting to rush to resume racing at Santa Anita is reckless, dangerous & insane. On March 29th, the Thoroughbred Owners of California wrote- "Allowing the continuation of live racing does NOT present a health risk to the 1,000 plus workers on the backstretch who live in dormitories at the track and must be at the track every day to support live training of 1,700 horses."

And yet, a backstretch worker in NY has contracted Covid-19. We would bet there is or will be cases of Covid-19 at the California racetracks, especially since Los Angeles is sadly experiencing a sharp rise in the Covid-19. There are no cases of COVID-19 at the racetracks because there is no active testing. The idea of using precious resources on testing non-essential workers, instead of where they should go to first responders, police officers, firefighters, hospital workers, food service workers, grocery store workers is selfish and morally wrong.

This is a global health crisis. Even without the public attending, it is reckless & dangerous to everyone. They are putting their own people at risk but what is worse is that they are now GAMBLING WITH ALL OF OUR LIVES too!

Equine veterinarian, Kraig Kulikowski, nailed it when he said, before the pandemic, and it applies even more now-

**"The question is never what is the right thing to do but instead what can they get away with."  
They should not be allowed to get away with continuing to kill the horses and now endanger human lives!  
Please don't let them resume at this time. Horse racing is NOT an essential business.**

**Thank you for your time and attention.  
Patty Shenker, Doug & Julia Stoll  
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Los Angeles, Ca. 91367**

**From:** [Sandra Benowitz](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 14-Worker Protections; Item 19-Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:49:04 AM

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a small-time horse-racing owner and breeder who is concerned about the decisions made to close live racing at Santa Anita. It is my belief that the LA County Health Department relied on information from those who don't actually care about the affect it has on those who actually reside at Santa Anita, nor do they understand what's best for the thoroughbreds. Horses require exercise, which has been allowed. However, there is much more activity in the morning training sessions than in afternoon racing. Other tracks have successfully conducted live racing without spectators with absolutely no reported incidences of Covid-19.

Regarding Item 14, because of the protocols established by Santa Anita, there has not been a single occurrence of coronavirus infection, nor has there been at Orange County's Los Alamitos, where live racing has continued unabated. The workers living at Santa Anita have self-quarantined, practice social distancing, have sanitizers readily available, and wear masks as directed by California guidelines.

Who is going to be responsible for hundreds of back-stretch workers if they are unable to learn a living and lose health benefits (Item 19) in this pandemic? Caring for their horses is the only job many of them know, and they do so with love for the animals. Go to Santa Anita and experience firsthand the relationship between the staff and their charges.

Item 20 refers to how LA County can contribute to economic recovery. All state governors are making plans to reopen businesses. In California there are approximately 82,000+ horses involved in racing in some way. Over 48,000 Californians have employment in the horse racing industry. California's gross domestic product is the benefactor of about \$2.5 billion generated by the horse racing. It's live racing that is the catalyst for the entire business. Without money from live racing, California and those counties who do have racing, will suffer a huge economic loss.

Everything possible has been done to protect the workers and their horses. Now, LA County can be at the forefront of restarting the State's economy.

Sandra Benowitz  
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**From:** [Jane Goldstein](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Reinstate Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:41:28 AM

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Horse races at Santa Anita behind closed doors was conducted safely and can be done again, with huge benefits for the stable workers, horse owners, and even through taxes for the community and state of California. Loss of revenue for the owners will prompt dispersal of horses with possible dire results for their care and well being. Another result will be unemployment of their caretakers, some of whom probably will become homeless.

Jane Goldstein

**From:** [James Chisholm](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** [SUSPECTED SPAM]Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:14:16 AM

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There is no reason to not have spectator-free racing at Santa Anita. It has prove safe at other race tracks, and because of the closure of Santa Anita they are taking steps in excess of other facilities to insure the safety of the personnel at Santa Anita.

Further it is in the best interest of the horses to have Santa Anita open and generating funds to provide proper care for the horses.

All business that can open safely and especially those who are essential or if not opened will cause great harm should be reviewed and if possible opened for the betterment of the people of Los Angeles and California.

Jim Chisholm

**From:** [protonmail](mailto:protonmail)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Track: not "quarantined"  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:48:05 AM

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**PUBLIC COMMENT,**  
Agenda item #19: the reopening of LA County.

The following is a statement from an individual that services the Santa Anita racetrack. For fear of retaliation, he has requested to remain anonymous. Kindly see his statement below. This is a first-hand account of what happens at Santa Anita.

Under no circumstances should this track be reopening in the midst of a deadly, contagious pandemic in Los Angeles county.

The same applies to ANY non- essential business!

Please do the right thing. Thank you.

----- Forwarded message -----

From a perspective of being in and around the area where race tracks exist, dealing with race tracks and in response to the Santa Anita Race Track being "quarantined" as stated in a recent AP story. This is from 40+ years of being observant in the race track environment.

There is absolutely now way to quarantine, quarantine workers, or safely say any "backside", working area or area where those working at a racetrack can be quarantined as is being called for by local, county, state and federal governments. People work in very close proximity with each other, they tend to live in close quarters, often in tack rooms or a stall where horses are kept. The barn areas offer room for the horses, not for people. To think the area where the workers work with horses is simply untrue.

The population that primarily works with the horses, those responsible for the care, cleaning, feeding, picking up after and being close to the horses are of a transient population. Not transient as you would think of a homeless person, rather the workers often move based on where they can find work or where racing is occurring. Be it Santa Anita, Del Mar, Los Alamitos, or any other race track in California, they often move where work is plentiful. How can quarantine happen if workers are moving from one place or another for work?

How clean are the conditions where those workers eat, sleep, congregate, wash up, shower or simply cleanse their hands for the recommended twenty seconds? Unsure, ask to see, my guess is that your request will be denied. Are cleaning supplies provided by employers, are employees made aware of best practices during the time of COVID-19? How can an area or place of business be safe or quarantined if these precautions aren't adhered to amongst its population or workforce.

Are employees asked about health problems, temperatures checked, asked about coughing or shallowness of breath? If not, how can an area as open as this be safe and referred to as an area that is quarantined? Safely, it cannot be.

Is social distancing taking place? How many people are sleeping to a room? A room the size of a horse stall, smaller, larger? It's unknown, each barn will be different and each employer will have a different set of rules and how they interpret the orders coming down from health professionals during this time of crisis.

What is essential during this time?

**From:** [Emily Harvey](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** ReOpening Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:37:34 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I'd like to express my support for the reopening of Santa Anita Race Track without spectators. Training in the morning continues and the hundreds of back stretch workers continue to LIVE on site so allowing live racing to resume does not increase the risk of COVID-19. Santa Anita has voluntarily imposed stringent sanitation measures and will continue to maintain these measures if allowed to reopen.

Please allow them to resume racing!!

Thank you,  
Emily Harvey  
859-489-2596

**From:** [Nancy Smith](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** COVID-19 — Santa Anita Racetrack  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:13:14 AM

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Dear Los Angeles County Board Of Supervisors:

I'm a Los Angeles resident and I'm asking you to not open the Santa Anita Racetrack during the COVID-19 pandemic, as horse racing is NOT an essential business. It is outrageous to put humans and animals at an unnecessary risk. The jockeys and innocent horses are stuck in stalls that are clearly not six feet apart from one another and/or on the racetrack.

Moreover, the horse racing industry is a shameful and abusive “sport” that a ethically conscientious city of Los Angeles should ban now. The unbelievable number of horses hurt and killed at the Santa Anita Racetrack will be a horrific part of Los Angeles’ history, but unfortunately it remains a current nightmare — even during the pandemic, as the horses are even dying during training sessions while the track is closed to the public! Enough of tragic animal abuse in the name of money! We are better than that! Make money on electronic simulated horse racing and close down the live horror show NOW! Enough! Do we want a film/series similar to “Tiger King” regarding the horrors at Santa Anita Racetrack dragging the reputation of the leaders of Los Angeles down the animal abuse drain? I think not! Make the right decisions for our great city and people.

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Smith  
Santa Monica, CA  
310-717-1889 cell

**From:** [MaryLou Slender](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:26:44 PM

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The time has come to open, Santa Anita. I can Now go to the, Dentist. I call make an appointment, they come out, take my temperature and if I pass I go in and get treated. You could advise, Santa Anita to do this with their employees. When entering the gate, take their Temperature. No need for them to stay in house trailers. You are not only causing problems with, Horse Racing, you're causing a Great Loss to the Entire State of California. A percentage of every dollar wagered on horse racing in California goes to support equine research programs, the wildlife restoration fund, and local Charities throughout the State. This Support is NEEDED NOW. Please Help our Charities, horses, grooms and the entire Racing Community. Our Animals are Our Lives and Address the Great Losses to our Great State of California .

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Cass Maller](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Meeting date: April 28, 2020 Agenda item # 14,19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:34:44 AM

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Attention: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and LA County Health Department

Our company, Highlander Racing Stable, LLC, operates a horse racing and breeding business in the State of California. We respectfully request that the Boards approve racing to resume in Los Angeles County.

The Stronach Group and the various horsemen's groups have worked diligently to come up with a safe plan to operate the race track with excellent and stringent protocols. They have demonstrated their willingness to cooperate with all State and County regulations.

The horse racing industry requires the constant care and maintenance for the animals well being. Workers have to be there to take care of these animals as there is nowhere else to go. Live racing pays to house, feed and support the workers, their families and the horses. Not only the 750 back stretch workers are severely affected but all the additional personnel that the industry supports such as farriers, vets, and feed supply companies. If we can't race we can't afford to breed and that affects thousands of more people that support that end of the industry.

Reopening the track will also reopen the flow of tax dollars that racing provides to the County.

**Please don't destroy an entire industry and all the lives it encompasses. We can be safe and race too! Please allow racing to resume!**

Respectfully,

Bruce and Cass Maller  
Highlander Racing Stable, LLC

**From:** [Matt Rossell](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Do not open horse racing at Santa Ana Park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:12:21 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you NOT to reopen Santa Ana Park horse racing.

It wasn't safe for the horses, jockeys and staff before the pandemic and certainly isn't safe now. It would be irresponsible to open this non-essential business, exposing hundreds of workers to potential infection of Covid 19 and wasting critical protective gear that is needed in essential businesses and activities.

Sincerely,

Matt Rossell  
LA County property owner and taxpayer.

**From:** [Bluepleniune](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 14 Worker Protection, 19 Safety Reopen., 20 Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:25:31 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing in regards to re-opening Santa Anita Race Track. Racing affords the means, through purse earnings, to pay the grooms, the feed bill, the vet, the farrier, etc. The lives and well-being of the horses and the backstretch workers depend on racing and the winnings.

They have employed safe precautions such as extra hand washing stations, sanitizer, physical distancing. Trainers are splitting shifts in their staff so less grooms and care takers are in the barns at all times.

Racing was going well with fewer staff in the afternoons and no spectators. While they practice safe procedures they should be allowed to re-open and start racing again. The Arboretum across the street does the same, employs safe practices and it remains open. Santa Anita should also be allowed to continue racing as they are keeping safe procedures just as the Arboretum.

The same standards should be applied to both sites, although Santa Anita would remain closed to the public.

Respectfully,

Jane Ieler

**From:** [customersupport@eddiethetwins.com](mailto:customersupport@eddiethetwins.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Los Angeles County Meeting 04/28/2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:32:48 AM

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In regards to:

Item 14: Worker Protections  
Item 19: Safely reopening LA County  
Item 20: LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

Please reopen Santa Anita. The lives of many backstretch workers are at risk as well as the well-being of the thoroughbreds. Does it make sense to allow training in the morning and no racing in the afternoon? I think not. Santa Anita management has gone great lengths to maintain a safe environment for everyone involved.

Let them race!

Regards,

Edwin Wilson

**From:** [Stephanie Wedge](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:10:01 AM

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To LA County Board,

I am writing you to ask that you open Santa Anita for racing without spectators.

It's ludicrous that a complaint allows you to close without giving SA guidelines to comply with. Over 1000 employees live and work at SA without a Covid-19 infection.

Santa Anita and it's employees, staff, trainers, grooms etc have bent over backwards to maintain above par standards in the morning during workouts and can maintain them in the afternoon.

Stop bowing down to the Animal Activists and their complaints. Racing contributes millions of dollars a year to the local economy, employs thousands and gives people and fans a sport to watch during these unprecedented times. What do the activists bring to the table but hate and negativity?

Please open up live racing ASAP.

Thanks,  
Stephanie Wedge  
408-438-0038 Cell

**From:** [Cathaleen Canfield](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Support of spectator free horse racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:24:27 PM

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I support the return of racing at Santa Anita without spectators. Please let them resume racing to help support the horses and workers in need of the programs that are funded by racing at Santa Anita. With proper protocols in place this is a low risk request that will greatly benefit the horses and workers that are already there. Please help Santa Anita return to racing.

Thank you,

Cathaleen Canfield

**From:** [Paula Capestro](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** ["Paula Capestro"](#)  
**Subject:** Item 14-Worker Protection, Item 19-Safely Reopening LA County, Item 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:31:30 AM  
**Attachments:** [Kathryn Barger BOS 03.30.20.pdf](#)

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Dear Supervisors,

If you have time, please read my letter at your Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday April 28, 2020 during the public comments session when the appropriate agenda item as stated in the subject of this email comes to the floor. Thank you for considering my request.

Sincerely,

Paula Capestro

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5<sup>th</sup> District Board of Supervisors  
[kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov)  
Los Angeles, California

## **DEAR KATHRYN,**

I am reaching out to you regarding the suspension of racing at Santa Anita Racetrack due to Covid-19. I have several serious concerns about this action taken by the Los Angeles County health Department to protect individuals from the Virus. The Stronach group has taken several serious steps to protect the workers & horses at their facilities. I will outline those below. My background is as a Racehorse Trainer and Owner. Having been through the crash in 2009, I have seen some unbelievable things that happened in my barn. Namely horse owners abandoning horses at the racetrack because their companies failed. We are not in that situation yet but without racing, owners, trainers and grooms have no cash flow for feed, veterinarian care and farriers. We don't want to see horses shuttled off to other states at the detriment of their well-being and the destruction of our local industry putting trainers out of business, grooms homeless and the eco system that The Stronach Group has meticulously created to protect us and the horses from the Coronavirus shuttered.

- The SA racetrack has provided housing for hundreds, maybe a thousand employees. We are highly regulated. No one is allowed on the grounds except those licensees who have already been here with out sickness. No one, not even the local owners, or out of state owners, trainers or their staff that ships a horse to run at SA from out of state is allowed on the grounds. An out of state racehorse must be dropped off outside of the gate and the horse walked in by the staff of a resident Trainers and put in their charge. Only essential personnel, trainers, vets & farriers are allowed inside the gates and must have PPE as available. We are a family and are already sheltering in place with strict hygiene and social distancing rules. We are all learning and welcome any further recommendations by the LA County Health officials, but we understand the threat. We just don't want to be a victim of any activist political agenda and will strive to meet the local health rules as set out by LA County.

- Gambling drives this industry and is one of the few sports left for fans to embrace at home during this difficult time. All gambling at Santa Anita is done through online sports books. The entire SA facility is closed to the public. No one is present during the races except a groom, assistant trainer and the trainer and only during their race only and must return to their barn immediately after. It's my understanding that the TSG profits are being donated to the Coronavirus efforts to flatten the curve through the Governor's office. As an industry we can also contribute to the local efforts as well by providing entertainment to those who must stay home.

Please, we need live racing revenues to feed our horses, care for them and keep our trainers, including myself and our employees close at hand to protect the animals we love so much. We are sheltering in place, don't throw us out on the street.

Sincerely

Paula Capestro

**From:** [Ben McElroy](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re-opening Santa Anita Park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:08:20 AM

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To whom it may concern,

Please let Santa Anita resume with spectator less racing, as has been safely done at other race tracks across America. Oaklawn (Arkansas), Gulfstream (Florida), Tampa Bay(Florida) have been tracks that have proved you can race safely, with strict safety protocols in place. These tracks have also help save the livelihoods of workers that work tirelessly with the horses as well as keeping the horses in their best possible health. Horse racing is conducted outdoors at Santa Anita on over 300 acres of land so it is a very safe environment where social distancing can be practiced.

Horse racing can also help fund the State, with the financial recovery that is needed once Covid19 has left.

Regards,  
Ben McElroy



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**From:** [Sarah Horsegirl](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** LA. County Meeting April 28  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:23:05 PM

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Hi I'm Sarah, I'm a horse racing fan and race horse owner, I'm owner to Lane Way who is at Santa Anita trained by awesome trainer Richard Mandella, I love Santa Anita very much, I would love to see Santa Anita open for live racing without spectaculars right now until fans are allowed back to the track, Santa Anita have everything in place with to open Santa Anita for live racing without spectaculars! It's the right thing to do to open it! I'm thinking about all employees, there are more than 750 backstretch workers risking losing their jobs and health benefits without the financial support the live racing provides! Letting California race will benefit California so much! Letting Santa Anita Park open for racing without spectaculars is the right thing to do, Horse Racing Generates Money for the state of California! Money is what you all need it makes so much sense to me that letting Santa Anita Park race without spectaculars are the right decision to make! I want to come to Santa Anita in the future to enjoy watching the races in person! Please let Santa Anita open for live racing without spectaculars right now! With all protocols they have in place at the track I don't see any reason why you can't race!

**From:** [coach r](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** California racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:30:30 AM

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Live Racing with No Spectators Helps Everyone  
You Bet, We Live  
Essential Immigrant Worker  
Live Racing Helps Take Care of Workers and Horses  
Spectatorless Live Racing Helps California Recover  
Bring Live Sports Back!  
Support Worker Well Being, Bring Back Live Racing  
Flatten the Curve, Not Us- We Need Live Racing Now!!  
Please Allow Spectatorless Sports  
We Can Keep It Safe  
We Support Responsible Recovery of CA  
No Welfare or PPP Wanted, We Need Our Jobs  
Jobs, Housing & Health, We Want What You Have

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**From:** [chris aulds](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:59:45 AM

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Please consider opening Santa Anita racing without fans . Lots of lives an animal's health are at risk . People will be put on the streets if they lose there jobs feeding an training these horses . Lord knows we need less homeless people !! I think SA has presented a great plan to keep all safe . I will not get into what it is doing to the small time owners that rely on these horses to pay their ways from racing. So once again please open soon !! Have a blessed an safe day . Thanks for your time / CHRIS AULDS

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**From:** [Chris Edwards](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Clavreul Geneviève](#)  
**Subject:** Public comments for the 04-28-2020 Board of Supervisors meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:18:00 PM

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Comments on items before the LA County Board of Supervisors.

Submitted by Geneviève M. Clavreul, RN, and Ph.D.

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All comments below are submitted as “other”

### **3. Prioritizing the Needs of Los Angeles County Frontline Healthcare Workers and**

#### **14. Worker Protections**

This is a great first step, but there also appears to be a disconnect between hospital/clinic administration and the frontline workers. One says that there's adequate equipment and the other say that's there's not enough; perhaps its time for both parties to sit down and speak together rather than at each other.

#### **5. Ethnic and Hyperlocal Community Outreach**

Great idea, but how does the County hiring freeze affect this item?

### **6. Prioritizing the Health and Safety of Those Living and Working in Skilled Nursing Facilities**

It is good to see the County coordinating with the state on this issue. Let's ramp up inspections and get the all-appropriate regulatory agencies more actively involved. A plan to ensure that all employees from physicians, nurses, aides, maintenance, administration and all the way down the chain of command are appropriately trained in protocols as simple as “clean to clean, dirty to dirty” and so forth.

#### **15. Expanding Testing in Congregate Living Environments**

Hopefully with expanded testing perhaps the County can consider developing protocols that would allow those living in congregate living environments to have family and friends who test negative visit, bring them food, but especially show them that they are not forgotten.

## **17. Digital Access During the COVID-19 Pandemic**

Well it's about time. LA County is supposed to have a full IT department, as well as each County department appears to have an in-house IT department – so it shouldn't have taken the Coronavirus crisis to move on developing full digital access and what will the price tag for this be?

## **19. Safely Reopening Los Angeles County**

Glad to see that LA County is taking steps to explore the “reopening” of the Safer at Home order. I hope that the departments involved in this motion will give serious thoughts to a soft reopening so that the many business that have been deemed non-essential can start putting in place a plan to reopen with a date to look forward to. Also the reasoning behind not having a board meeting every week escapes me as it should be now more critical and essential than ever that there's a meeting every week so the public can participate and be kept apprised. This definitively not the time to skip meetings.

## **26. Report on the Health Agency's Progress Serving as the Capital Improvements Intermediary**

How have the recent events affected the projected start dates? This doesn't appear to be reflected in the report, in particular the two sites slated to be opened in May 2020 (627 San Julian and Kenningston Lancaster)? I have the same concerns that I have expressed each time this report comes out specifically the frequent TBD instead of a specific time line and cost and how have recent events affected them as well.

## **40-C. Supporting Community Clinics and Health Centers During the COVID-19 Crisis**

Just common sense

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Minds are like parachutes, they function only when open!

**From:** [wya](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:28:56 AM

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Please let this track run...it is a healthy environment for all. I am proud to say as an owner these horses are well taken care of and pleased to say that. The workers are well looked after and the community helps monitor itself thru pride. They are doing everything they can to to ensure the health , safety and welfare of all involved! I agree that there should be no spectators for now but it also allows participation and entertainment online! Please Please let them run for even a trial period. We hope you can see the positives in this.

Sincerely,

Donna Wyatt owner from Illinois

**From:** [Tom Ryan](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Embrace and Race. We're ready and willing to go above and beyond. For human and Equine welfare please do the right thing.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:59:02 AM

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To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Tom Ryan, I represent the racehorse ownership group SF Racing/SF Bloodstock, a global Thoroughbred investor, breeder, owner, and advocate. SF Racing is an avid supporter of horse racing in California with 40 horses actively training for the Californian racing program.

As a stakeholder in the Californian Thoroughbred industry, I am writing to you to request that you reinstate racing at Santa Anita Park.

The outbreak of Covid19 has presented an unprecedented challenge, not only for our country, but for the world. While slowing the spread of this virus through the use of social distancing should be the priority for all governing bodies, we should also be considering the economic and social implications of the restrictions that are being put in place as well as the efficacy and necessity of these restrictions.

To date, there have been no reported cases of Covid19 at Santa Anita Park. All workers have abided by strict precautionary measures and are committed to doing so going forward. Despite the successful efforts of race participants based at Santa Anita, on March 27th, 2020, live racing was suspended. Given that there were no Covid19 cases at the track prior to this suspension, and that there have been no cases as training continues, it defies logic to restrict an activity upon which so many livelihoods are reliant.

The trainers, riders, grooms, veterinarians, farriers, racing officials, maintenance workers, and agents based at Santa Anita and in California rely on racing to make a living. Not only that, but the breeders, farm workers, sales workers of the greater Californian state and the rest of the US rely on racing to power a multi-billion dollar industry. Unnecessarily suspending racing halts an entire industry and ultimately puts all of its participants, human and equine, in jeopardy.

I implore you to look at the many examples of racing jurisdictions who are successfully hosting live spectatorless racing without any Covid19 implications: Los Alamitos is a great example in the State of California and outside that Florida and Arkansas are also racing successfully under health and safety protocols. Please consider the lives you are putting at risk, we are at the precipice of an unfathomable human and animal welfare crisis from which our industry may never recover.

On behalf of all of our stakeholders, human and horse, please let us race.

Best Regards

Tom Ryan

SF Bloodstock.

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**From:** [Karen White](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment April 28 Agenda item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:16:40 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I first moved to LA County more than 30 years ago and my husband and I have regularly attended horse races at Santa Anita park since that time.

I am writing to urge you to allow Santa Anita to resume running races without spectators. We watch the races every day on tv from Gulfstream Park in Florida and Los Alamitos here in California where they are operating races in a safe manner.

It is especially important because the running of the races directly provides the financial support that enables jobs and housing for the backstretch workers. If racing does not resume, more owners will ship their horses out of state and the workers will be without jobs and then homeless as many live at the track.

Right now, all the workers and trainers have to be at the track to care for the horses anyway. Adding live racing would not add a significant number of people to the population. I believe there is even a plan to require the jockeys to live on site.

Please know that all the trainers, owners, grooms, jockeys and fans care deeply about the horses. The care and well-being of these animals is very important and they must continue to be looked after.

Thank you for your consideration and please consider the people being directly affected by this decision and the horses they care for so deeply.

Regards,  
Karen White

**From:** [John Rochfort](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Tuesday April 28 Meeting - Agenda Items 14, 19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:24:38 AM

Dear Supervisors,

I'm writing in support of reopening Santa Anita for racing with NO spectators. Santa Anita backstretch is a self-contained community with strict medical protocols enforced by the Stronach Group. If we can't re-open such a business there is no hope for all the small businesses, like mine, to re-open. Not alone can Santa Anita open safely but the experience gained doing that can be applied to other businesses across the State.

Orange County has successfully run horse racing at Los Alamitos during the lockdown with no cases of Covid-19. They have proven that a strictly implemented protocol works. The backstretch workers at Santa Anita have to exercise the racehorses more often now that there is no racing; this means more people congregated at the track each morning. Race days require far fewer people and Santa Anita was successfully operating prior to the shutdown.

I fear for the livelihood of the backstretch workers if a decision is not made to restart operations at Santa Anita. We've already seen a substantial number of horses move to Arkansas and Florida, where racing has proceeded during the lockdown (with no spectators). Please vote YES to open a self-contained community for business.

Regards,  
John

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**From:** [Tim Goodwin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** SKM\_C65820042710500.pdf  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:55:29 AM  
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## Call to Action

Emails to be sent before 5pm, Monday, April 27 to:

PublicComments@bos.lacounty.gov

To Whom It May Concern:

As an owner and fan of horse racing. I feel its important for the board to know my feelings regarding the stoppage of horse racing at Santa Anita Park.

If the real reason for the stoppage is for protecting the health of LA County residents, I feel the track can run horses without the detriment of health to the people involved in live racing, which ultimately will have zero impact on county residents.

During this pandemic, racing has continued at Los Alamitos, 22 miles from Santa Anita with zero cases of the Covid-19 having been diagnosed or reported.

Furthermore, I wish to address the following items:

### Item 14-Workers Protection

There have been zero infections at Santa Anita among the backstretch workers since the pandemic has started. 95% of the work in horse racing is performed by stable workers who have been working during this crisis. Horses are living creatures who are fed and looked after, much like the pets you may have at home. Upon arriving at work, offsite worker's temperatures are taken, they are required to wear masks and gloves, and they are required to sign in and have their identification easily visible. Santa Anita also has a medical clinic on site which is available to all workers. The workers who reside on the backside are in a self-quarantined environment, posing zero risk to the people of LA County.

### Item 19-Safely Reopening LA County

There are close to 800 back stretch workers who risk losing income, housing, and health benefits without the financial support that racing provides. There have already been numerous union jobs lost due to the stoppage of racing at Santa Anita. It is a greater threat to the well being of these workers and their families to lose this income, than to the county's health risk. Suicide has been a problem over the years and has risen over the years, I can see the public committing more suicides in the near future if something isn't done to put these people back to work. The public health of LA county people will be at a greater risk having more people homeless, in need of food and without the medical care being offered by the track, if they were to lose their jobs.

### Item 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

There is an excellent opportunity for horse racing to lead the responsible re opening of not only professional sports, but businesses in general. Santa Anita wishes to race without fans present to

protect the thousands of unionized jobs that keep our families safe and secure. Of all the sports, horse racing provides a best test case scenario for a responsible reopening of sports, as unlike other sports, our athletes are equines and cannot be infected or transmit the Covid-19 virus. Studies have shown that the Covid-19 virus is transmitted in enclosed environments. Santa Anita operates in open areas greater than 300 acres.

California racing has an opportunity to be a template for not only the well-being of employees returning to work, but also a roadmap toward economic recovery of all businesses in these trying times. The board at LA County Health has an opportunity to be proactive and a nationwide model for the reopening of businesses throughout our great country.

Please consider the reopening of Santa Anita for racing.

**From:** [Pamela Winters](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Live Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:15:55 PM

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**To whom it may concern;**  
**I am an owner and breeder of Thoroughbreds and Quarter horses here in California. I would like to address item 14-Worker Protections, Item 19 Safely Reopening LA County and Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery. I am in favor of the Santa Anita plan of the option to resume “spectatorless” live racing. I believe that they have a fair plan in place that would benefit the worker’s health and well-being as well as the horses. They have prepared a responsible and reasonable plan to do this that I believe will help to prepare for the time that the races can open to the public again with a new awareness of health and safety for everyone and the sooner this can be accomplished the sooner the economy can begin to heal and grow again and replace the lost revenue this sport generates for the city and county of LA.**

**Pete Parrella  
Legacy Ranch Inc.  
PO Box 989  
Chino, CA 91708**

**From:** [Brooks Schuler](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Backstretch Workers  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:22:52 AM

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Hello,

Please reopen Santa Anita for the sake of the backstretch workers.

Thank you,

Brooks Schuler

**From:** [Donald Valpredo](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28 meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:50:17 AM

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Respected Supervisors,  
As you review the opening of Santa Anita racing please know that this is vital to the entire equine industry in this state. It is the economic engine that employs many with health benefits, housing in all sectors of equine in agriculture and all other equine activities so vital now in these troubling days.  
Thank you, Donald Valpredo from Bakersfield.

**From:** [Susan Moren](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Opening  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:15:19 PM

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I would like to support the opening of Santa Anita track with the plans given. Santa Anita was able to run horseracing without fans successfully. The back stretch workers are all great people and deserve a chance to continue working and supporting their families. Horseracing is a great sport to follow. Please consider reopening this great sport! Thank you.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Carolyn Sherry](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:14:36 AM

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RE: Meeting Date April 28, 2020

I am writing to urge you to strongly consider the re-opening of Santa Anita racetrack.

Santa Anita has been diligent in practicing strict Covid-19 prevention methods. In addition, it was one of the industry leaders in isolating the backside workers and closing racing to the public.

Other tracks (notably Oaklawn Park and Gulfstream Park) have been operating without incident with similar measures in place.

Horses stabled at the track are in need of racing. As highly tuned athletes, they cannot continue idle in stalls.

In addition, the workers at Santa Anita need and deserve a steady income. Racing can and will provide that. With the controlled environment Santa Anita can provide, racing can be conducted safely.

I did not fail to notice that other Arcadia businesses (primarily the Arboretum, right across the street) are open!

Please re open Santa Anita.

**From:** [Todd Stephan](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** LA County BOS, April 28, 2020 Agenda items 14, 19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:49:19 AM

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TO: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Board Meeting Agenda Items 14, 19, and 20 for April 28, 2020

I am writing to implore the County of Los Angeles to open Santa Anita Race Track to live racing.

Santa Anita Race Track can be safely opened to live racing, behind closed doors until such time as it is deemed safe for spectators. The SA race track management team has submitted a very comprehensive plan for safely opening the race track for racing and should be given full consideration. This is a matter of urgency for the continued well being and safety of the workers at the track, for the equine athletes housed there and for those of us with an interest in the thoroughbred racing ecosystem.

Respectfully,  
Todd Stephan

**From:** [Maureen Davis](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: ITEM# 14 - Worker Protections, ITEM #19, Safely Reopening L.A. County, and ITEM #20, L.A. County Roadmap To Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:15:14 PM

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**From:** Maureen Davis  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:57 PM  
**To:** [publiccomments@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:publiccomments@bos.lacounty.gov) <[publiccomments@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:publiccomments@bos.lacounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** ITEM# 14 - Worker Protections, ITEM #19, Safely Reopening L.A. County, and ITEM #20, L.A. County Roadmap To Economic Recovery

ITEM# 14 - Worker Protections, ITEM #19 - Safely Reopening L.A. County, and ITEM #20, L.A. County Roadmap To Economic Recovery

Dear L.A. County Board of Supervisors,

As an L.A. County resident for my entire life, (I am now in my 70's) I am urging you to please consider allowing the fabled Santa Anita Racetrack to re-open for spectator-less racing! I grew up 10 minutes from Santa Anita in nearby Alhambra, and have long admired the beauty of this historic track, and the great horses who have run there - from Seabiscuit in the 1930's to the magnificent Zenyatta in more recent years. Santa Anita is revered around the world as 'The Great Race Place' it has always been, and for the champions it has hosted over the years, since its opening in 1934. It has remained one of the great attractions for racing fans and tourists worldwide, especially for the Breeders Cup, which it has hosted for a record-breaking 10 times. I know the city of Arcadia would miss it sorely.

It's true, the whole world is in the worst pandemic it has ever experienced since the one in 1918, but until recently this track has been operating spectator-less and under the most stringent rules & regulations of any race track in this country - making it right now the safest racetrack in the country. To my knowledge no cases of the virus have been found there, as everyone is adhering to the strictest of rules and regulations. Please don't allow a few uninformed and misguided "animal activists" to destroy this wonderful sport! I personally am a great animal lover, and would never support any sport that intentionally tries to harm ANY animal. But I also know how these horses at Santa Anita are loved, and wonderfully taken care of by their back stretch family - who love and treat them as members of their own families. Countless times these "activists" have been invited to visit the backside of this track to see for themselves just how well the horses are treated, but each time, they've refused. They obviously don't want to learn, or be proved wrong! I know there are in excess of 750 workers at the track who would lose their livelihoods and health care, should Santa Anita be gone.

Not to mention the thousands of horses living and training there. Not only the workers, but the horses themselves would have nowhere to go, and many would no doubt go to slaughter! This is unacceptable!

Of course, the ultimate goal would be to have the enthusiastic crowds once again return to this fabled track, as well as to all the sports locations everywhere in this country, but not until it is SAFE to do so, and we are all out of danger! But in the meantime, please allow racing (spectator-less tho it may be) to continue at this wonderful track - it would benefit all concerned, and bring such happiness and light to the sadness we are all experiencing right now.

Respectively,

Maureen Davis - Canoga Park, CA

**From:** [Eddie Truman](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Horseracing Item 14, item 19 and item 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:08:15 AM

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From: **Eddie Truman** <[et2162@gmail.com](mailto:et2162@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 8:48 AM  
Subject: Horseracing Item 14, item 19 and item 20  
To: <[PublicComment@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:PublicComment@bos.lacounty.gov)>

Please open racing with the safe protocols in place, health of the industry is dependent on racing. Farms, feed companies tack shops and thousands of workers. Thank you for your consideration

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Live Joyously,  
Eddie Truman

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Live Joyously,  
Eddie Truman

From: [tktucker@ca.rr.com](mailto:tktucker@ca.rr.com)  
To: [PublicComments](#)  
Subject: FW: Item 14 , Item 19 , Item 20  
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 10:46:48 AM

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**LA County Board Supervisor's ,regarding Items #14 , 19 , 20** Im writing to offer my unwavering support for the reopening of 'spectatorless' live racing at Santa Anita.

**The horse racing industry in California supports thousands of jobs for poor and low income workers, the vast majority are immigrants who are just getting started on their new lives in America. The care they give to these beautiful animals is truly amazing and should be observed in person by members of your Board. These workers are some of the hardest working people, and they don't deserve to have their livelihoods taken away. Racing can certainly begin again, safely for the workers and the horses, and should begin again as soon as is safely possible. Please begin the process of safely putting Californians back to work! Thanks for your attention to this matter.**

**Truly,**

**Terri Tucker**

# Horse Owner



Have a wonderful day

Terri Tucker

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**From:** [chris aplin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing in California Re:April 28, 2020 Agenda: Corid19 safety and backstretch workers jobs  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:15:00 PM

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*Honorable Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,  
My name is Chris Aplin and I have worked at the track since 1976. It has been my  
main career for the past 44 years. I recently traveled  
to Israel for a vacation and when I returned to the track I was told that I had to self  
quarantine for 2 weeks. I was sad but pleased that  
the track was being responsible for it's actions.  
I have been back to work for almost a month now and am really impressed with all  
of the employees taking this pandemic seriously and  
following the rules. Everyone wears a mask no matter what their job capacity is. It  
is very difficult to gallop a horse with a mask on but  
all of them are doing it.  
The track has done their part in this difficult time and I am hoping that the board  
will vote to let us continue with racing minus the fans. It  
is essential to the industry that we begin to have a racing meet. The industry can  
only hold up for so long before it will unfortunately collapse.  
If that happens hundreds of hard working people will be forced to find new careers.  
Many of the people that I know have been in this  
industry as long as I have.  
Thank you for your consideration.  
Chris Aplin  
(former exercise rider and now assistant trainer)*

**From:** [Bob Bambauer](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Subject:** Resuming Horse Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:06:16 AM  
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To Chair Kathryn Barger and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

Please consider allowing Santa Anita to resume racing immediately. As you will hear, many safety protocols have been implemented by the Stronach Group as well as the Owners and other racing groups. You will also hear that there have been NO Covid-19 cases at Santa Anita Park during the last month when basically the same amount of people have been at the track for training. Adding a few more people (jockeys etc will not make a difference).

Los Alamitos has been racing non-stop. They have also implemented very similar safety protocols and have not had a single Covid-19 case either.

Another issue that may provide some context to opening Santa Anita to live racing again. I just went to the website of the La County Arboretum (located directly across the street from Santa Anita Racetrack). The landing page said that all tickets were sold out for the entire weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. The attendance was likely in the thousands of people over the weekend. It seems hypocritical that the La County Health Department and Board of Supervisors will allow that many people to attend an event. I am sure that the revenue from the admissions and concessions might have something to do with it ???

Please understand, I am not in any way asking you to close the arboretum, but to allow live racing (even with no attendance). I do not know the extent of revenues, the County receives from Off Track Betting or Online betting, but I am sure it would add to the County revenues (just like the Arboretum is currently collecting).

There are also about 1000 full time employees that live and work at the racetrack. These people are professionals at feeding, cleaning and caring for the wellbeing of the horses.

Again, please allow horseracing to reopen at Santa Anita immediately.

Thank you for your consideration.

Bob Bambauer  
Horse Lover  
Race Horse Owner



***Bob Bambauer Executive Vice President***

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**From:** [David Lindo](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 14-Worker Protections; 19-Safely Reopening LA County; or 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:44:51 AM

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Horse racing is operating safely in Orange County and several other states. Safety processes/procedures have been established. There is no reason to keep this industry shuttered. Given the dire financial situation, all industries that can operate safely, should. Personal politics should not be used to keep horse racing from resuming.

David Lindo

**From:** [Ann Gilbert](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Reopening Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:12:00 PM

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Dear LA County Board Members,

I am asking you to open Santa Anita for the following reasons.

1. Closing the track to live racing is incredibly harmful to the backside community that spends their lives providing care for the 1800 horses that are stabled on site.
2. In order to prevent an animal crisis, it is critically important for the track to be allowed to race while using stringent protocols which have been put into place.
3. The 2018 Farm Bill affirmed the designation of horses as livestock, which means that they are to be given the care that they are used to and are considered an essential business.
4. Since the pandemic, places where racing has been allowed to continue have been both very safe and successful. Florida ( Tampa Bay and Gulfstream Park) as well as Oaklawn Park in Arkansas. The income generated by off track betting, along with the purse money, has helped these states and the workers connected with them survive this global pandemic.

Please consider all of these important points so Santa Anita can resume racing with their strict protocols in place.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,  
Ann Gilbert  
1665 Federal Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90025

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Ana Makshanoff](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Keep Santa Anita open!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 9:05:29 AM

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Please don't let this Race Track and the people and Horses go on not racing. This is what is not fair right now the arboretum is open and LA county runs this. Why are they open and not Santa Anita? I think this is the reason certain people have been looking for to end the track. Don't let this happen again it will devastate a lot of lives.

**From:** [Lee Evans](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita, items 14&19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:42:52 AM

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Please allow Santa Anita to resume live racing. The well being of so many people depends on it. Santa Anita has developed a very well contained community of back stretch workers. There are many other businesses in the L.A area that are still open and functioning with the public that could be considered non-essential. ( LA Arboretum for example)

Thank you for your consideration.

Lee Evans  
Thoroughbred Owner and Breeder.

**From:** [Brian Bench](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:11:47 PM

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Hello

Please recognize at your board meeting tomorrow April 28, 2020 that allowing Santa Anita to race is less dangerous than allowing people to visit the LA County Arboretum or the beaches. The board should vote to allow Santa Anita to race.

Brian Bench

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [Jan D'Amato](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** LA Co BOS April 28, 2020 Items 14,19, 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:58:44 AM

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LA County Board of Supervisors April 28, 2020  
Item 14 Worker Protections  
Item 19 Safely Reopening LA County  
Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

Hello,

I hold California Horse Racing Board “CHRB” licenses as Owner, Barn Foreman, Parimutuel and I’m a Breeder of racing Thoroughbreds. Born in CA, Racing has been my life. While working the backside of various tracks, from walking hots to grooming, I learned what a community means of hard working committed individuals all with a common goal, TAKE CARE of THE HORSE!!!!!! So much pride for accomplishment at the end of each and everyday.

Please, with all my heart, resume live racing as it will support financially MY FAMILIA on the backside and support the WELL BEING of ALL HORSES, My Horses.

Respectfully,  
Jan D'Amato  
On Pointe Thoroughbreds  
949-300-2993

**From:** [mike@mdmholdingsllc.com](mailto:mike@mdmholdingsllc.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** They are Heroes Too  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:41:07 AM

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To The LA County Board of Supervisors,

In a world being attacked by a virus pandemic. And being brought to its knees in so many ways. In a world that is fighting for its life every day, economically suffering, and changing so many ways of everyday life. We need to look at hope, and opportunity, and ways to support each other in order to face this pandemic and changing world.

We are surrounded by heroes in this fight, those sacrificing much and on the front lines fighting this pandemic. The doctors, nurses, first responders, hospitals and all hospital personnel. We are surely supporting them with every resource we have. And rightfully so. THEY ARE HEROES.

I would like for you to take notice and recognize other heroes in todays world, whose responsibility, is to solely care for our equine athletes and their health and well-being, not only in a virus pandemic atmosphere, but everyday of their lives. THE BACKSTRETCH WORKERS IN THE HORSE RACING INDUSTRY ARE HEROES TOO!

Many stimulus packages have been delivered and more contemplated to support our economy and the heroes fighting the pandemic. I am here to suggest that the best stimulus package for the horse racing industry and the HEROES OF THE BACKSTRETCH, is to let them race. It is a stimulus package, that requires only compassion and support for those whose lives are dedicated every day to the care, health and well-being of our equine athletes. We are not asking for money, checks in the mail, millions of dollars of support, just a simple do what is right action. LET THEM RACE, in a controlled safe environment that is currently in place and has proven successful around the country including our own state.

I entered this horse racing world as a childhood dream back in 1985. I can tell you from experience that it is a wonderful world in which to exist. One with passionate people who network and work together for a common goal, our equine athletes health and welfare. From owners to hot walkers, from grooms to trainers and jockeys and race track personnel, it is a powerful camaraderie with support of and for each other like nothing you have experienced, unless of course, you have experienced it yourself.

So if we want to be a part of hope, opportunity, and ways to support each other in order to face this pandemic and changing world, simply do it, let them race. Support the well being of our equine athletes, and support the backstretch workers, who every single day look after these wonderful animals with great passion.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR BACKSTRETCH with their stimulus package.....THEY ARE HEROES TOO!

**LET THEM RACE.....**

I appreciate your time,

Best,

*Mike Mowrey*

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**From:** [Burns, Greg](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Track  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:09:05 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing you this letter in support of reopening the Santa Anita Race Track for racing. I understand the first priority of the board to protect the health of the citizens of Los Angeles County. Allowing the track to resume live racing with no fans does not pose any additional risk to the public. Almost everyone who works at the track also lives at the track. The measures they have put into place are above any of the ones put into place by major retailers who remain to be open. While the board is there to protect the health of our LA population opening the track does in fact does exactly that. It will help provide revenue to keep health services open to the workers and provide tax revenue to the county and state. You can't continue to spend money when we have a greatly reduced tax revenue coming in. We need to start opening things in our economy that will help dig us out of this huge hole we are putting ourselves in every day. I believe opening the track for racing is the responsible thing to do.

Sincerely,



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**Subject:** Public comment BOS meeting 4/28/20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:52:49 AM

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Dear LA County BOS,

Thank you for this opportunity to make public comment.

My name is Heather Wilson, I live in Los Angeles. I have been a nurse for over 30 years (Nurse Anesthetist for almost 18 years) and have obviously never seen anything like this in my career. We cannot be too careful.

My comments, as a gravely concerned citizen of LA County and a health care professional:

**14. "Worker protections."**

LA County cannot afford to waste critical PPE on non-essential businesses.

Gambling and horse racing are NOT essential businesses. We must allocate resources to the real essential workers: Police, firefighters, first responders, health care professionals. These are the individuals on the front lines and they must have PPE.

Los Angeles County is still rising in the numbers of cases and fatalities.

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2020/04/27/la-county-nears-1000-coronavirus-deaths-and-20000-cases/>

With last weekend's heat wave, and thousands of people flocking to the beaches, it would be reasonable to predict another huge spike in cases over the next 2 weeks.

**15. "Testing in congregate living environments."**

There are no cases of COVID-19 at the racetracks *because there is no active testing*. Again- using precious resources on testing non-essential workers. These tests should all be used for first responders, police officers, firefighters, hospital workers, food service workers, grocery store workers, etc.- NOT "sports" or "entertainment." Persons can be asymptomatic carriers. Santa Anita and other racetracks are not quarantined environments. People and horses come and go from every track, this is very well documented. Racetracks are filthy places with hundreds of backstretch workers living in squalor. This is the perfect breeding ground for a virus.

**19. "Safely reopening LA County."**

COVID-19 deaths in LA County have DOUBLED over the last week:

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/troubling-trend-coronavirus-deaths-doubled-in-la-county-over-last-week/ar-BB13gAcR>

There is no safe way to race horses, especially during a high contagious and deadly pandemic.

The Governor does not want mass gatherings until there is a vaccine and we have herd immunity. He defines "mass gatherings" starting with people numbering in the 100s.

SANTA ANITA HAS OVER 750 PEOPLE working there, plus people coming and going.

Furthermore- racing horses directly violates the Governor's orders.

Every single race is the same: the race horse is "ponied up" to the starting gate with a pony horse. The riders are tethered together!

Crowds gathered at the starting gate are far greater than 10, which exceeds the Governor's recommendation. In addition to the people on horseback, there are gate workers and other personnel, all in close proximity.

Watch any of the videos on this page and you will see the violations:

<https://vimeo.com/swornenemies>

Please see the Governor's orders re: caring for horses:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/coronavirus/pdfs/COVID19ResourcesforEquineBoardingFacilities.pdf>

#### Best Practices Guidelines for Equestrian Facilities

It is necessary to act in a manner that incorporates Governor Newsom's Executive Orders to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and protect California families and communities. To that end, the CDFA recommends the following:

Limit the number of personnel on the farm at any one time to ensure physical distancing. Use an online sign-up form to limit the number of individuals at the barn at any one time to no more than 10 individuals.

All individuals must stay 6 feet apart and must not congregate.

#### **20. "Roadmap to Economic Recovery."**

"Virtual" or CGI racing makes a LOT of money.

There are thousands of race horses in CA that must be cared for. Virtual racing can raise the necessary funds to evacuate these animals and to properly care for them.

Virtual Grand National raises 2.6 million pounds:

<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/640507-virtual-grand-national-raises-2-6m-pounds-for-nhs>

Virtual KY derby (upcoming):

<https://www.usatoday.com/story/sports/horseracing/2020/04/25/kentucky-derby-2020-churchill-downs-host-virtual-race-may-2/3028907001/?ref=hyper.com>

In these troubling and uncertain times, it would be responsible to formulate a "plan B." Virtual racing is a way to safely raise funds to care for the horses and the backstretch (most probably do not have health insurance). Live horse racing is a direct violation of Governor Newsom's orders and his vision for how to keep California safe.

Please, I beg you, do not reopen Santa Anita.

Heather Wilson, CRNA, MS

Los Angeles

**From:** [matt07@netzero.net](mailto:matt07@netzero.net)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Plea for the Backstretch Workers at Santa Anita Park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:40:19 AM

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SUBJECT: Plea for the Backstretch Workers at Santa Anita Park

Dear Sirs,

My name is Eli Hernandez and I am the Race Track Chaplain for the backstretch community here at Santa Anita Park. I want to take this opportunity to write you personally and explain why it is essential that horse racing continues at Santa Anita.

As the Chaplain, I have the privilege to work firsthand with the many hundreds of backstretch workers who live on the premises and take care of these racehorses' day in and day out. I am there with them in the good times and times like this, when there is a lot of fear and uncertainty where they could potentially end up should horse racing not resume.

Ultimately, these backstretch workers rely solely on horse racing in order to live. It provides them with access to medical facilities at the racetrack, the ability to provide food for themselves and their families, have a place to live and a life they would not have without horse racing. Taking away horse racing affects this group drastically and it would be devastating to think where they would have to go and what would happen if horse racing continues to be ceased.

The backstretch community does not feel that continuing to work poses a health risk as they are diligently practicing the strict protocols that have already been put in place at Santa Anita. They have done everything that has been asked of them and will continue to do so to continue working and racing should they be allowed.

The wonderful thoroughbreds require the backstretch community to take care of them as best they can be, and in return, the dedicated backstretch community loves and relies on these horses to race and provide an income for them to live. It is a delicate ecosystem that needs careful consideration and I thank you immensely for taking the time to provide it with that consideration.

I thank you again for your time and efforts in protecting the community in this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Chaplain Eli Hernandez  
Race Track Chaplaincy of California  
(562) 479-4924



**From:** [Omar Herrera](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:07:59 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of Los Angeles county. I enjoy horse racing and would like to see the ban lifted

Omar Herrera  
Los Angeles County Resident

**From:** [bmilliesmom](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Covid19 hazards  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:50:38 AM

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Dear Supervisors,

Thank you for implementing strict health safety measures. Please continue to prohibit live horse racing at Santa Anita Race Track. The facility and its activities are Covid19 health hazards.

The track employs more than 700 backstretch workers who live in poor conditions on the property. They have not been Covid19 tested. Jockeys and other workers there can not sustain effective social distancing.

Horse racing is a completely non-essential business.

Thank you for halting racing there. Please extend the suspension.

Thank You,

Bonnie Croker

Concerned Citizen

Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE smartphone

**From:** [Kim Lozano](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** FW: PUBLIC COMMENT/RICHARD BARTON  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:16:57 PM  
**Attachments:** [\[Untitled\].pdf](#)

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Please see attached letter from Richard Barton.

-----Original Message-----

From: documents@cal-pack.com [<mailto:documents@cal-pack.com>]  
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 3:58 AM  
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Subject: PUBLIC COMMENT/RICHARD BARTON

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Dear Board of Supervisors :

I am writing you in support of your favorable consideration to reopen Santa Anita Park.

Santa Anita has not, to my knowledge, experienced any Co Vid virus cases, even though there are nearly 1000 people that work at the facility every day, caring for the horses.

Santa Anita management has obviously developed successful procedures to minimize the risk to their employees at a substantial cost to them.

By keeping Santa Anita closed to racing, you are hurting the financial solvency of Santa Anita, the City of Arcadia, the State of California, and the various owners and trainers of the horses that are incurring costs without any possibility of future income.

By keeping the facility closed, you are not minimizing or eliminating the risk of the virus since the employees of Santa Anita must go to work at the track daily to care for the horses at the track, a job that was classified as essential by the government.

If the public is banned from the facility, there will be no additional danger of the virus than is currently being experienced by the employees that live and work at Santa Anita under strict health procedures.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Richard Barton

951-787-6706

**From:** [brunoagent@aol.com](mailto:brunoagent@aol.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](mailto:PublicComments)  
**Subject:** Fwd:  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:06:25 PM

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To whom this may concern:

As a race horse owner of over 10 horses I am writing to encourage you to re-open horse racing under strict guidelines due to the impact of the COVID 19. The racing community has shown it's willingness and ability to address any and all concerns safely re-opening the track.

The ramifications of not opening will be far greater and reaching than the economic impact it will have on the horse community and every vendor associated with the race horse horse industry.

What do you propose to do with all the displaced individuals, horses?

We have a few self interest groups that would love to see the industry shut down. Before you listen to them it would behoove you to do your due diligence and investigate their true motives. They are not interested in animal welfare.

I appreciate the opportunity to voice my opinion and have enclosed a photo of myself with one of horses on it's way to the race track. Do I look like an owner that does not love his horses?

Bruno DeBerd  
661-299-6413

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From: [brunoagent@aol.com](mailto:brunoagent@aol.com)  
To: [brunoagent@aol.com](mailto:brunoagent@aol.com)  
Sent: 4/27/2020 12:33:34 PM Pacific Standard Time  
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**From:** [Jon Bruno](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting 4/28/20 Agenda Item# 19 Safely Reopening LA County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:49:28 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am in support of reopening Santa Anita Park for spectator-less racing as a safe way to help reignite our economy and provide much needed income for the hundreds of back stretch workers. Please consider this low risk step, as there have been zero cases of Covid-19 cases at Santa Anita thus far. This would be a big step towards some sense of normalcy in Southern California.

Regards,

Jon Bruno

**From:** [Jeffrey Schafer](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Items 14,19,20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:16:33 PM

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Hello,

I am addressing Items 14,19, 20

I am writing in support to re open spectator less live racing. These workers behind the track including myself rely on the racing to generate income for the owners to pay for the expenses of the horses. There are ZERO cases of COVID at the track on the back side. The horses are training at the track every morning. So to have spectator less racing would not bring anymore exposure to COVID. This would help to the economic recovery and boost moral for the people that have been forced to be home to have racing to watch with no sporting events to watch.

It would be nice to shed a positive light on racing for a change!!

Thank you

Dr. Jeff

**From:** [Tommy2oon](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Support Item 19 Safely Reopening LA County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:05:56 PM

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I support the reopening of Santa Anita Racetrack.  
Thank You  
Tom Beekler  
Po Box2282  
Oceanside Ca, 92051

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**From:** [Wendy McDaniel](#)  
**To:** [publiccomment@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:publiccomment@bos.lacounty.gov)  
**Subject:** open racing at santa anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:42:00 AM

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These horses need to work. You can do this without having people in the stands. They are animals that are born to do this and need more than morning workouts. The welfare of the animals is at stake. They are running safely at los Alamitos and can do the same at Santa Anita

Sent from [Outlook](#)

**From:** [Jasen Carr](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Reopening  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:08:00 PM

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Thank you for taking the time to read this. Out of respect for all the others who also submitted comments, I'll keep this brief.

Many others assuredly have already touched on the financial impacts to the 750+ workers and their families and the dubious look of why the Arboretum across the street is allowing outsiders in and out and calling it "essential" for people to get their exercise there while 200 yards east the livelihoods of many are being threatened.

The opponents (well-funded PETA activists who support Supervisor Barger) who say the backstretch workers could just "go get a job flipping burgers or mowing lawns" is not only a ruthless slur, but hugely discounts their skills which I believe make them essential workers.

As a small-time thoroughbred owner who just got into the game the last couple years, I was AMAZED at all I've learned about what goes on off the track. These workers are basically on-call 24/7 for the horses they love and care for. Like doctors and nurses, these people have a highly specialized skillset which is essential to the health of the 1500+ horses on the grounds.

Please consider the very thorough proposal by Santa Anita to offer spectator-less racing while also keeping the highest of health standards for the self-contained backstretch community who would be doing all the work. This is essential for the workers, the horses and the money racing generates for the state.

Sincerely,

Jasen C, Carr

**From:** [Kevin Hubbard](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re-Opening of Santa Anita Park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:04:10 PM

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To whom it may concern:

I would like to voice my displeasure with the board of supervisors for continuing to keep Santa Anita Park closed. There were no cases of the virus reported at the site. Closing the Park for racing does nothing but destroy the Horse Racing business and industry. All of the people that work during racing are still there working now. They live on site. All the horses are still stabled. They are training them still with no racing to supplement the costs of doing so. Racing is going on all over the country now with all the restrictions still in place. There have been no problems. The racetrack provides much needed tax revenue as well as the donating of profits to the hospitals and such. I know as members of any government in LA County office, the money is all you are concerned with. Stop taking a political stances of animal rights activists to destroy the lives of thousands of people who depend on racing. You are wrong for this, please see the error of your ways.

Kevin Hubbard

**From:** [Nick Cosato](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Items 14,19 & 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:34:49 AM

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Dear LA County Official,

This email will address my thoughts, concerns and solutions regarding items 14, 19 & 20. As we move forward in these trying times for all, we will gain knowledge and better learn how to get back to what we know as normalcy in the near future.

Horse racing is a multi billion dollar industry that has shown it can safely and effectively continue to function as a spectatorless sport.

The few examples are Oaklawn Park, Gulfstream Park, Tampa Bay Downs as well as Orange Counties very own Los Alamitos Race Course. All of these tracks have continued live racing with essential workers only and no fans.

To my knowledge, none of these tracks have had one positive Covid-19 test either.

Which shows that the safety measures that these tracks have put in place can and do work.

Furthermore, the LA Arboretum that is located right across the street from Santa Anita Race Track has remained open.

Can you please explain how that could happen? Is the air different across the street from Santa Anita? Beaches and parks were closed but yet the Arboretum has remained open? I urge you to try and explain this to me.

It is essential for racing to get back to racing as quickly as possible for several reasons. The primary reason is because the monies that live racing provides. Not only does live racing provide financial support for all of these workers, it also provides housing and health benefits for many of the backstretch employees. Just at Santa Anita there are approximately 750 backstretch workers.

Please keep in mind that it is a neccessity for these 750 workers to show up every day to take care of our incredible animals.

That has been constant during this pandemic and will always continue.

If we reopened for live racing, approximately 120 of these same workers would now work in the afternoon at the races.

If 750 workers are able to work in the morning, it's illogical to think that 120 from these same 750 can't work safely in the afternoons.

In all honesty there is no logical reason for us to have been shut down to begin with and it makes zero sense to not reopen ASAP.

The ass backwards thinking in this is preposterous. It's like leaving restaurants open for dining in but no take out during this pandemic.

We were just shut down because a handful of animal extremist kept calling your offices. Prompting a knee jerk blanket decision that was made to cease racing. Which was drastic and not at all very well thought out but I get why. It was the safest decision but not the most well thought out decision for many reasons.

Please let us get back to live racing. Safely and successfully the way we did in early March during this pandemic with zero Covid-19 positives.

Let racing help pave the way to get California back on our feet and help power our economic recovery

Sincerely,  
Nick Cosato

ion and voice will make a difference as decision makers are reviewing the plan Santa Anita has submitted to resume "spectatorless" live racing. More than 750 back stretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides. We are making a responsible and reasonable request to protect public health and the well-being of horses and workers. California horse racing can help power our economic recovery!!! For any questions or concerns, please call Oscar de la Torre at 310-922-5122.



**From:** [Jonathan Rosenthal](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** B.O.S meeting April 28, agenda item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:04:08 PM

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I am writing in support of restoring live racing at Santa Anita. As I'm sure you know, live racing has been prohibited at the LA County track due to the COVID 19 situation. However, training has continued through this time and there have been zero cases of COVID 19 at Santa Anita. Spectator-less racing has been taking place in Orange County without incident - as well as in other parts of the United States (Florida, Oklahoma, Arkansas, for example) and throughout the world. The workers at the racetrack depend on racing for their livelihood. This is a closed society - there are no people at the track for spectator-less racing than there are in the morning for training (save possibly a few jockeys who might not have been there that particular morning.) This is not a situation where a large influx of people are coming into an enclosed space. There is no logical reason and no public health reason to not let live racing resume given the precautions that the track has taken, and the unique situation this sport finds itself in. Please, see your way to approve live racing again - there was no reason to shut it in the first place.

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Jonathan Rosenthal  
310-663-4282

**From:** [Alan French](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery (Public Comment for April 28 Meeting)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:01:37 PM

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To the Honorable Los Angeles County Supervisors:

The backstretch workers of Santa Anita Park rely on wagering handle from live Thoroughbred racing for their income, health benefits, and livelihood. This suspension of racing is having a massively negative effect on them and their families.

Santa Anita management has been diligent in implementing safety procedures to protect the backstretch workers from COVID-19 since holding live racing without spectators in the middle of March. As of this writing, there are no known cases of COVID-19 on the grounds.

Please approve Santa Anita's plan that was recently submitted and allow the resumption of Thoroughbred racing. Otherwise, the lives of the backstretch workers, their families, and the horses will be irrevocably altered in an adverse way, and that includes a very high probability that they will lose their home, which is Santa Anita.

This relates to agenda item 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,  
Alan French

**From:** [Nancy Smith](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Agenda Item #19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:32:50 AM

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Dear Los Angeles County Board Of Supervisors:

This email is in regard to agenda item #19 with regard to the re-opening of Los Angeles.

I'm a Los Angeles resident and I'm asking you to not open the Santa Anita Racetrack during the COVID-19 pandemic, as horse racing is NOT an essential business. It is outrageous to put humans and animals at an unnecessary risk. The jockeys and innocent horses are stuck in stalls that are clearly not six feet apart from one another and/or on the racetrack.

Moreover, the horse racing industry is a shameful and abusive "sport" that a ethically conscientious city of Los Angeles should ban now. The unbelievable number of horses hurt and killed at the Santa Anita Racetrack will be a horrific part of Los Angeles' history, but unfortunately it remains a current nightmare — even during the pandemic, as the horses are even dying during training sessions while the track is closed to the public! Enough of tragic animal abuse in the name of money! We are better than that! Make money on electronic simulated horse racing and close down the live horror show NOW! Enough! Do we want a film/series similar to "Tiger King" regarding the horrors at Santa Anita Racetrack dragging the reputation of the leaders of Los Angeles down the animal abuse drain? I think not! Make the right decisions for our great city and people.

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Smith  
Santa Monica, CA  
310-717-1889 cell

**From:** [kimberly schaffer](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Return to live racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:02:49 PM

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Kimberly Schaffer -Marrs  
Racing Stables  
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April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Dear Ms. Kathryn Barger,

I am writing regarding the Board of Supervisor meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

First off, I am an Owner /Trainer/ Equine physical Therapist at the racetrack.

Since the closure of Live racing at Santa Anita. My business of mainly attending to the physical therapy treatments of my client's horses has ceased operations.

My ability to work, and earn a living stopped abruptly with racing being shuttered. Since my business is an add on to the daily training bills a business like mine is the first one to be stopped. The problem then arises that our equines are not getting the proper therapies on a regular basis to keep them sound healthy, and the prevention of injuries. The advent of racings cessation also does not allow the owner of these horses compete and earn money with which to pay for the horse's care, and training.

I fear this will soon lead to more people leaving the state further destroying our horse population ,and or worse people not being able to care for these animals anymore ,and the possibility of uncertain futures for these wonderful animals ,and people who work with them.

Regarding item#14

Worker Protections: Santa Anita has put in place extremely strict protection rules for its racetracks, and training facilities. We all abide

by them judiciously, as we want to protect each other's health, and ability to work, and earn a living.

#19 I believe that Santa Anita has put in place an excellent plan to operate racing with no fans, and prudent safety measures to keep people safe, and able to operate the live races. As we have all seen Los Alamitos is operating, and following strict safety protocols, and it works!

#20 Horseracing provides over 750 + jobs these jobs keep money flowing into the economy

As I am a prime example My business is closed now, and I have no income coming in with which to pay my bills.

So now I become a burden on our states systems to try to get money so that I can stay afloat, and hopefully return to my business,

I am like so many others who can work, and earn a living safely within the guidelines, and contribute to the state's economy, and not be a burden to it.

This is where horseracing is unique. It generates a lot of revenue for the state, and with the safety guidelines can fully function. It seems reckless to me to burden our state's economy, and taxpayers further by shuttering a business that could safely operate.

I implore you to consider all these points with regards to the reopening of the live race meet before our horses possibly become an equine welfare issue, our workers all become unemployed ,homeless ,or worse ,and open a business which the California economy could greatly use the revenue !

Thank You for your time, and consideration!

Please Reopen Live Racing

Kimberly Schaffer-Marrs

**From:** [Brian Richardson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:57:55 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

I've been a fan of Southern California racing for 40 years as it was something that my dad and I always enjoyed going to Santa Anita together ever since I was a young kid. My dad passed away 10 years ago and I was so inspired to carry on what he loved that I started a racing syndicate, Taste of Victory Stables. We typically have between 3-7 horses at any one time, based at Santa Anita. We have brought over 200 new owners into racing over the last five years and my passion is to see these people grow to love this sport as much as I do. This shutdown has created a major financial hardship to our stable as well as so many other stables, trainers, jockeys, grooms and track employees. I ask that you please consider bringing our livelihood back to us and open Santa Anita back up. It breaks my heart every day to see the people on the backside struggle to feed their families.

Thank you very much,

Brian Richardson  
Taste of Victory Stables

**From:** [Paige Rickerd](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020. Items 14, 19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:29:37 AM

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Santa Anita is it's own city and community and has taken every precaution known to have protocols in place and followed to strengthen our fight against Covid-19.

By allowing training and not letting us conduct racing has created a financial hardship on thousands of employees, owners, trainers, feed companies, tack stores and farriers, let alone what it is doing to the horses. By not allowing them to RUN, which they are bred to do, and compete against one another is like being all dressed up and ready to go somewhere with no where to go, which is discouraging and depressing, which is exactly how the horses start to feel.

A lot of people have lost their jobs and more will be likely as horses go elsewhere to run. Our medical trailer will be put out of business too which will create more welfare and Medicaid, which is all we need, more public assistance. Santa Anita is a beautiful clean facility which is outside with plenty of room for social distancing and expansive sitting for when we are open to the public.

Santa Anita has done and always will do an outstanding job of taking care of the employees and equines that we so proudly support because we are and will continue to be THE SPORT OF KINGS.

Sincerely

Paige Rickerd

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [james shenouda](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Open Santa Anita race track  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:59:41 AM

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Hello,

My name is James shenouda and I have already sent a letter to Kathryn regarding Santa Anita and have revived a generic response. I am a retired vet from the us army and have been involved with racing for 10years. I have made several friends that are back stretch workers who reside at Santa Anita and are suffering from the shutdown . Please help them and reopen the park. These people are dependent on live racing and there is no increase exposure for them if live racing is open . They do not work for the city or county which pay has not been affected by these are people who care for horses and need live racing to survive. This stress is not needed for these people considering Santa Anita has already sent your a protocol of what changes are made to ensure the safety of the workers and horses . I ask you please open the track and not to create any further damage.

Thank you,

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Maureen Davis](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** ITEM# 14 - Worker Protections, ITEM #19, Safely Reopening L.A. County, and ITEM #20, L.A. County Roadmap To Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:57:32 PM

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ITEM# 14 - Worker Protections, ITEM #19 - Safely Reopening L.A. County, and ITEM #20, L.A. County Roadmap To Economic Recovery

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Mon 4/27/2020 12:50 PM

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Mon 4/27/2020 12:50 PM

Dear L.A. County Board of Supervisors,

As an L.A. County resident for my entire life, (I am now in my 70's) I am to urging you to please consider allowing the fabeled Santa Anita Racetrack to re-open for spectator-less racing! I grew up 10 minutes from Santa Anita in nearby Alhambra, and have long admired the beauty of this historic track, and the great horses who have run there - from Seabiscuit in the 1930's to the magnifcent Zenyatta in more recent years. Santa Anita is revered around the world as 'The Great Race Place' it has always been, and for the champions it has hosted over the years, since its opening in 1934. It has remained one of the great attractions for racing fans and tourists worldwide, especially for the Breeders Cup, which it has hosted for a record-breaking 10 times. I know the city of Arcadia would miss it sorely.

It's true, the whole world is in the worst pandemic it has ever experienced since the one in 1918, but until recently this track has been operating spectator-less and under the most stringent rules & regulations of any race track in this country - making it right now the safest racetrack in the country. To my knowledge no cases of the virus have been found there, as everyone is adhering to the strictest of rules and regulations. Please don't allow a few uninformed and misguided "animal activists" to destroy this wonderful sport! I personally am a great animal lover, and would never support any sport that intentionally tries to harm ANY animal. But I also know how these horses at Santa Anita are loved, and wonderfully taken care of by their back stretch family - who love and treat them as members of their own families. Countless times these "activists" have been invited to visit the backside of this track to see for themselves just how well the horses are treated, but each time, they've refused. They obviously don't want to learn, or be proved wrong! I know there are in excess of 750 workers at the track who would lose their livelihoods and health care, should Santa Anita be gone. Not to mention the thousands of horses living and training there. Not only the workers, but the horses themselves would have nowhere to go, and many would no doubt go to slaughter!

This is unacceptable!

Of course, the ultimate goal would be to have the enthusiastic crowds once again return to this fabled track, as well as to all the sports locations everywhere in this country, but not until it is SAFE to do so, and we are all out of danger! But in the meantime, please allow racing (spectator-less tho it may be) to continue at this wonderful track - it would benefit all concerned, and bring such happiness and light to the sadness we are all experiencing right now.

**From:** [susan hardin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 14-worker Protection, 19-safely reopening LA county, 20- LA county Road to economic recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:28:56 AM

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Dear Board of Supervisors

14-worker Protection, 19-safely reopening LA county, 20- LA county Road to economic recovery

Thank you, decision makers, for reviewing the plan Santa Anita Race Place had submitted to resume 'spectatorless' live racing, More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides.

Please consider the responsible and reasonable request to open that will protect public health and the well-being of horses and workers. California horse racing can help power our economic recovery.

Susan Hardin

Pasadena, CA

**From:** [J McMahon](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:59:06 AM

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I support the return to live racing at Santa Anita. The revenue generated is essential to support the backside work force. These are hardworking people and essential to maintaining the health and welfare of the animals they take care of. The track has demonstrated their concern for the welfare of these workers with the successful implementation of health monitoring protocols that have proven to be highly effective. As we all look forward to a fewer restrictions this is an area where it can be demonstrated as both doable and as a way to gradually help a struggling work force. Please let Santa Anita take care of their on-site workers by resuming live (spectator-less) racing. They have shown that they care please show that you care as well.

Jeannette McMahon  
Covina CA  
seiulocal280 member

**From:** [Michael Machowsky](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Items 14, 19, and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:55:40 PM

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Ms. Barger, I'm sending you this email hoping it reaches you before tomorrow's meeting.

My name is Michael Machowsky and I have been involved in with horses and racing in California for 40 years, it breaks my heart what Santa Anita and racing has been going thru.

Please they need to get back to what they do and watching how this is affecting so many people's lives that just work in the industry and destroying families savings and people out of work awful. Also the help that work, cares and loves for these beautiful animals are struggling as well.

Please do what's right for so many involved.

Thank you  
Michael Machowsky

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Wendy Ouriel](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re-open Santa Anita NOW  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:24:24 AM

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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and Los Angeles County Health Department,

This e-mail is in regards to Agendas Item 14-Worker Protections; Item 19 Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter, I am hoping for your help in any way possible.

My name is Wendy Ouriel, I am a cellular biologist, I the founder of a successful skin care company and (most importantly) I am a thoroughbred racehorse owner.

I am among the thousands who are personally involved and connected to the historic, beautiful and progressive Santa Anita Racetrack. The racetrack is not just a place of betting, it is an epicenter of history, and the last remaining vestige of classic Americana in an increasingly developed, commercialized land, bereft of culture.

The Great Race Place has earned its title because of its beautiful architecture, historic past, and its present innovation of horse racing. Santa Anita is to be commended for its adaptation to the times, and its quickness to make change for the health, safety and betterment of the athletes.

Our horses are our athletes and our champions. There is nothing on this earth more humane than horse racing because it is the only instance in existence that treats an animal like a person. We have an entire culture dedicated to our horses. From magazines, art, newspapers and websites dedicated to the horses. For the horse owner, trainer, fan or enthusiast, we view horses like any human athlete. We cheer them on, we have posters of them, we love them and we honor them.

If you walk the grounds of Santa Anita the beautiful statues of the champions of the past from Zenyatta to Secretariat to Sea Biscuit stand tall and proud. We hold them in the same high regards as a basketball fan does Michael Jordan, or a Baseball fan does Mickey Mantle. We call the first Raceday of the Breeder's Cup "The Rising Stars" because these young colts and fillies are on their way to becoming the stars of our sport. Each win for them is an apotheosis towards championship, greatness and history. They hold an important place in our hearts.

The honor and reverence we have for our horses is shared among everyone involved in the sport. But what is most strongly and deeply felt amongst us all is the profound care we have for our athletes.

My horses are my children, and there is not one thing I wouldn't do for my horses. Because of the abrupt and unwarranted closure of Santa Anita, I haven't been able to see my horses in a month. How would you like to be kept from your children for over a month? Keeping me away from my horses has been devastating and cruel.

My love for horses is not unique. Those who work at the track stay up all night to tend to their horses. They wake up at 4AM every day to tend to the horses needs. They would do anything

for them. When San Luis Rey Downs was burning, the grooms, owners and trainers risked their lives as they ran through the flames to set their horses free. We could have used some of these so called “animal-rights activists” during a time when a horses life was on the line, but they were nowhere to be found. They did not care enough about the horses to do something when they were trapped in their stalls with wildfire on all sides

We dedicate entire industry to finding horses careers when they are done racing, we need to have our own to find after careers for the horses, because animal rights activists do not offer any assistance on this matter. They just want to protest, get famous from the press, and shut our racing down so they can be “right.” Once racing shuts down, the horses will die.

We need to have our horses run, it is imperative to their health and wellbeing. Horses need to run to keep healthy, but this isn’t just a matter of physical health, it is mental health too. All of the horses at Santa Anita are happy and healthy, but you see them EXCITED when they are on their way to the starting gate. The girls especially turn into beasts on the track, running their race with all of their heart and might because they are intelligent and they want to WIN. After the race they are fired up like they want to do it again. It is the most beautiful and fulfilling experience to see a horse do what they were born to do. And what they love to do.

Racetracks across the country have been able to continue racing safely, without an outbreak and they have been successful. Santa Anita operates with all of the care, dignity and integrity we could ask of any facility. Trust them to do the right thing, they will do the right thing because they care about horses, about people and about safety.

I ask you, from the bottom of my heart to please allow racing at Santa Anita to continue. Our horses need it, the employees at the track need it, the fans need it and I need it.

Thank you for your time, if you would like to discuss anything with me, please contact me. I will make myself available at any time for you.

Sincerely,

Wendy Ouriel  
CEO, CSO OUMERE LLC  
[wendy@oumere.com](mailto:wendy@oumere.com)

**From:** [Gregory Pappas](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita/Golden Gate Race Tracks  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:57:46 AM

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Hi,

My name is Greg Pappas. I race under Pappas Horse Racing. I am a long time horse owner and breeder. I am respectfully requesting that you allow horse racing again in California. If you have taking the time to fully understand the protocol that is in place to insure horse racing has taken to make sure that the health precautions have been put into place there is no reason not to allow racing to start again. There are so many different people that have been impacted in so many different ways. Not only the financially impact but the potential loss of homes for all of the workers who live at the tracks.

I love the beautiful sport of horse racing. I have so many amazing memories with my family and friends not only at Santa Anita and Golden Gate, but so many other tracks in the US. The thought of horse racing not surviving this closure make me very sad at so many levels. I am a father of two young boys and the thought that this incredible sport might be lost forever would be a heartbreak.

PLEASE open the tracks immediately and allow the horse do what they were bred to do.....RACE!

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,  
Greg Pappas  
Pappas Horse Racing  
949-981-5432

**From:** [Jason Blewitt](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda #19 - I support the re-opening of Santa Anita Park to run races.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:54:03 PM

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Hello,

I would like to express my support in the re-opening of Santa Anita Park. I love Thoroughbred racing and have been a fan of it for 27 years. Horse racing has given my life purpose and direction.

I would also like to share that my wife and I visited Santa Anita Park for the 2019 Breeders' Cup Thoroughbred Championships. I estimate we spent around \$2,500 - \$3,000 in the local economy with lodging, rental car, meals, etc. We really enjoyed our trip to Arcadia and hope to return the next time the Breeders' Cup is held at Santa Anita Park.

Thank you for your consideration in giving Santa Anita Park the green light to run races again.

Jason Blewitt  
516-567-0355

**From:** [Dottie Ingordo](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** We need to open SA...horses run...no spectators.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:21:12 AM

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PLEASE help us to do this.  
It is imperative for the horses and they people who work there.  
Dottie Ingordo  
532 Valido Road  
Arcadia, CA 91007

**From:** [Michelle Yu](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:56:13 AM

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Hello

I am writing to call for the reopening of Santa Anita Park for spectatorless racing. It was closed down due to the political agenda of animal rights extremists and is turning into a crisis for the track and the city not to mention the horses, the 1000+ people directly employed by racing as well as all the organizations that benefits from racing in Southern California.

Other states are successfully racing behind closed doors and we already have many protocols in place. Unlike the farmers market, we are spaced apart on the backside as well as at the races when horses run. Unlike the Arboretum (100 yards away from Santa Anita) we do not have a mass of strangers assembling to meander thin paved areas together.

Racing does offer a great mental stimulation for Angelinos even from the safety of their own homes. It is one of the only sports that is successfully being able to complete without fans and would greatly benefit the economy in several ways.

Please please please help us to help power the economy forward in a safe manner.

**From:** [lynn freudenberg](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita - Non Essential Business  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:51:58 PM

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Why in the name of all that is sacred that horses are running during this deadly virus outbreak? Santa Anita is a nonessential business, I plead that you respect Governor Newsom's executive order to shelter at home.

As an ER nurse for over 20 years I find this highly irresponsible, there are many videos of jockey's and horse care takers in close contact, not wearing face masks and not practicing social distancing.

In fact it is physically impossible to maintain social distancing when horse racing.

Every race is the same:

- The Race horse is “ponied up” to the starting gate by a pony horse, and the two mounted horses are tethered together.
- Definitely not 6 ft apart

The Governor stated he does not want mass gatherings until there is a vaccine for herd immunity. He defines “mass” as groups in the hundreds, which is exactly what you have at every racetrack, in order to operate this NON essential business of horseracing and gambling.

Stables are being used as living quarters for most of whom are immigrants from Mexico and Central America, as stated in the LA Times, people living in tiny dorm like rooms, this does not allow for a safe shelter in place and social distancing.

Please keep Santa Anita closed!

Respectfully,

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [jill thomas](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** santa anita re opening  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:20:32 PM

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referencing items:

- 14 - Worker Protection**
- 19 - Safely re opening LA County**
- 20 - LA Co roadmap to economic recovery**

**RE OPEN SANTA ANITA RACETRACK FOR SPECTATORLESS RACING.  
THE HORSES NEED TO RUN.**

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**From:** [Maureen McCulley](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:22:34 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

As a supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed the challenges of Thoroughbred Racing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. I've spoken with various stakeholders, community leaders and citizens inside and outside the industry. The ban put in place by LA County for an industry that supports nearly a thousand people in the LA community seems to be an unnecessary action that will place a significant hardship on those same individuals who perform essentially the same functions with the racing ban in effect or not.

There are several upsides to allowing the racing to continue with few downsides. Santa Anita provides an ideal environment that could operate safely under current conditions. Most staff needed to care for the horses already live on site and have been following the protocols that have been put in place. Those few who commute back and forth such as trainers and veterinarians take the corona virus seriously and do all the things requisite to maintaining sanitary conditions.

Allowing racing to continue provides for continued purse distributions that generates the revenue needed to keep staff employed in addition to much needed revenues for the city, county and state. For people locally, nationwide and worldwide it provides a wonderful mental pause to the pandemic and allows fans to stay in their homes to enjoy the sport on TV or laptops. The absence of racing not only creates a hardship for the owners and trainers but also for the staff that live check to check.

If these workers continue to lose the revenue provided by purse distributions it will certainly create a tremendous hardship and added stress to an already stressful situation. The absence of racing will likely force many of these workers into homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,

Maureen McCulley

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Scott Hazelton <[sphazelton@gmail.com](mailto:sphazelton@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:27 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Racing needs to Resume at Santa Anita ASAP

Racing needs to return to Santa Anita. They have more than displayed that they are able to safely operate under the current Covid-19 conditions with the way they have maintained the health and well being of the horses on a daily basis. The economics of not racing is putting hundreds of individuals at risk if losing jobs, healthcare and housing that is directly provided by the racing at Santa Anita. Please make the right call and allow racing to resume without spectators as soon as possible.

Thank you

Scott Hazelton  
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626-807-1200

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Steve Pavich <spavich@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:20 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** PLEASE RE-OPEN SANTA ANITA RACETRACK

More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing their income, their home, their healthcare, and their way of life without the financial support that live racing provides. Many programs are directly funded by the money taken in, allowing aftercare for horses, healthcare for humans, and many other fundamental necessities.

PLEASE RE-OPEN SANTA ANITA RACETRACK!!!!!!!

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** stevie lee <steviemarchman@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:23 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Opening SANTA Anita

I respectfully ask that you reopen Santa Anita racetrack. People and horses depend on it.  
Thank you,  
Stephanie Martin

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Lynne White <lynnerides@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:32 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Live Racing at Santa Anita

This email is to show support for resuming live racing at Santa Anita, minus spectators. It is my hope that this will happen, to ensure the safety and well being of the people who help take care of these beautiful creatures. While I understand the concern during this health crisis for keeping people separated, it would be my hope that the Stronach Group will maintain proper protocols at the track to ensure everyone's safety. There are so many people affected by the track not operational who have no other means of income. Thank you for your consideration in this matter Lynne White

Sent from my iPad

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Sergio Pena <sergio.pena@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:34 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Racing

Hello,

I am writing to advocate for a resumption of horse racing at Santa Anita. I have been going to Santa Anita for 30+ years, and it has always been a great experience.

Ever since COVID-19 hit, we have all been decimated by in home restrictions, without a passing thought on what this is doing to many's mental health. We need distractions from the woes of the world, and horse racing can be something that many of us can enjoy to get a respite from all the negativity.

Santa Anita and other tracks have put forth strict measures to ensure people are safe. They won't allow fans on-track, and from all I've read, are ready to implement more safety measures to ensure the safety of all those involved in the day to day racetrack affairs.

Other tracks have continued racing in the US, primarily in Oklahoma, Florida, and Arkansas. While I can't say how much the states are receiving, I am sure that these states are receiving funds from the racetracks for state coffers due to the continuance of racing.

By allowing racing to return, you can benefit many. You can benefit the state, the local racetrack workers (trainers, grooms, jockeys, etc), and most of all, you can provide a mental benefit to the many that have nothing to look forward to right now.

I hope that you can consider the reopening based on merits of the plan rather than by political pressure from the vocal minority that seems to want to eradicate the industry as a whole. Here's hoping for a reversal of opinion from the board.

Sincerely,

Sergio Peña  
Horse Racing Fan and advocate

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Delrene Sims <delrene22@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:25 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Racetrack

Please do not make this a political issue.  
These people are following strict protocol and health and safety.  
They need the right to return and California needs racing.  
They are doing right by your standards.  
Do not punish them or the animals .  
Act responsibly  
Thank you,  
Delrene Sims  
Carlsbad, Ca

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mike Graffio](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** IN-SUPPORT OF LIVE RACING AT SANTA ANITA  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:21:40 PM

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I support Live Racing to return to Santa Anita Park asap, they have taken the necessary protocols laid out by Gov. Newsom and the workers, trainers, jockeys and especially our horses need to race! This is not about sports betting but the livelihood of these people and equines to be able to work and race for the public on TV and to watch and support them.

Do you remember a horse called American Pharoah? He was stabled and raced at SA in the wonderful care of the people and won the Triple Crown in 2015 under Bob Baffert's guidance and gave the state of CA. something to be real excited about. Now you want to take this away, how about all the people there that need work and are caring for the next champ!

Please support them, thank you.

Michael Graffio  
714-356-2782

**From:** [Sandra Scott](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Resumption of horse racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:23:06 PM

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Dear Board Members,

I urge you to approve resumption of spectator-less live horse racing at Santa Anita Racetrack. The reasons are compelling. More than 750 workers at the race track risk losing income, housing and health benefits because live racing provides their financial support. There are zero reports of positive Corona virus infections at Santa Anita. Santa Anita Race Track implemented stringent safety measures and requires masks, gloves, and sanitizers for a contained population.

The LA County Arboretum poses a greater health risk for spreading the virus and yet it remains open, is sold out, and shuttles people into the facility.

Sincerely,  
A gravely concerned Arcadia Citizen

**From:** [A Allen Lilley Lilley Ranch](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** re: reopening of Santa Anita Park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:23:29 PM

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Dear L.A. County-As California Thoroughbred Breeders, we understand the importance of re-opening of Santa Anita Park for racing.

Please refer to Agenda Items #14, 19, and 20 in tomorrow's meeting. Santa Anita Park has demonstrated its capacity to operate as a safe, self-contained, locked-down community working under stringent and ever-evolving measures based on the best scientific guidance from health and governmental authorities to maintain social distancing and limit exposure to COVID-19 while continuing to protect and support our essential backstretch employees. They are the backbone of our industry. At this time, we are not requesting fan attendance. Thank you for your consideration to these issues.

Sincerely,  
Toni & Al Lilley  
Lilley Ranch

**From:** [Ed](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Horse Racing Agenda 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:54:50 PM

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Dear board Members

For the sake of all the workers, trainers, jockeys, owners, breeders, farriers, veterinarians, advisors, agents, track workers and all of their many thousands of family members who depend on racing to survive  
...I implore you to allow Santa Anita to reopen for spectator free racing with any conditions you may impose.

There have been zero % reports from Santa Anita along with zero reports from Los Alamitos and the other tracks thru out the rest of the country that have live racing. Spectatorless racing should be classified as an essential infrastructure. Santa Anita has shown it can and will do everything possible to keep the environment safe and covid free.  
...please allow Santa Anita to help the community, county and the state of California to recover from this Covid tragedy. The opening of Santa Anita is urgently needed.

Thank you for your time.

Ed Dees

**From:** [Stephanie Hanks](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** LABOS 4/28/2020 - Items 19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:00:10 PM

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In regards to Items 19 and 20 on the agenda for the April 28, 2020 Board of Supervisor meeting, I am writing to express my strong support of Santa Anita Racetrack's ability to reopen for live racing without spectators in attendance. Santa Anita is taking all necessary precautions to restrict the spread of COVID-19 by honoring the rules of social distancing. The horses must be exercised on a regular basis and must do the jobs they have been bred to do.

For these reasons, I strongly support opening the track up for live racing without spectators until it is deemed safe to do so by the Department of Public Health.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Stephanie Hanks  
(626) 622-1733  
shanks\_144@yahoo.com

**From:** [Vikki Burnham](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 4-28-2020 BOS Agenda Items 14, 19, 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:59:32 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

Please understand that in relation to Item 14, Worker Protections, that you are destroying livelihoods of Santa Anita backstretch workers that cannot be easily replaced due to the specialized skills these people have and the limited availability for job even under the best of circumstances.

As for Item 19, why is it ok to cram thousands of people into the Arboretum but it is not ok to have those same people across the street at the race track? But even so, do you realize that no harm came to anyone when you chose to keep the track open without live fans attending? If you allow them to race without fans, they will not have enough close proximity to be a likely danger.

Which leads me to Item 20, the recovery plan. By allowing racing to continue, you do not destroy family businesses and both on the track and that support the track. They will continue to bring in much-needed revenue for your tax coffers if you allow them to race, even without patrons.

My family breeds and races horses. I was born and raised across the street from Santa Anita. I want to race my horses in your county. I don't want to see an entire sport and all the businesses that support it destroyed because of hysteria and poor planning. Please allow the track to run without fans present. PLEASE!

Thank you,  
Vicky Burnham  
Chandler, AZ

**From:** [pmegnorth@yahoo.com](mailto:pmegnorth@yahoo.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita, Please let the race horses race.  
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The horse need to race. The backside workers need jobs. Owners of the race horses need to be able to have their beautiful animals run. The Trainers need to be able to race their stable of horses this is a 24/7 job, not a hobbie. This needs to happen now. Thank-you!  
Concerned Citizen for horse racing.

**From:** [Rick Doyle](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Supporters Call to Action  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:39:29 PM

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To Whom it May Concern-

I understand that everyone is handling the Covid 19 virus with extreme caution but I believe it's time to get back to live racing in California even if it's without fans. So many people depend on horse racing for their livelihood and since there have been zero reported positive tests at Santa Anita and Los Alamitos it just makes sense to let the good people of the industry get back to work. I'm fan of the sport but also appreciate everyone, and everything, that goes into making the sport so great!

Please let the horse racing industry open back up in California!

Thank you,  
Rick Doyle

**From:** [schutt.roger@gmail.com](mailto:schutt.roger@gmail.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Roger Schutt](#)  
**Subject:** \*\* Santa Anita - Our (Personal) "Ultimate Fan Experience!!" \*\*  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:40:17 PM

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Good Day!

We realize you're about to make an important decision regarding continuation of racing at Santa Anita.

For the sake of the horses, primarily... and all those great backstretch folks... we sure hope you re-open racing.

Even if it means we cannot participate on-track.

We would LOVE to follow this sport on television!

There are SO MANY GREAT FOLKS working at Santa Anita!!

Please read our short description of a Saturday we'll never forget...

Friday February 7th of this year, my wife & I drove 8 Hours to Southern California...

Saturday (February 8th) we both participated in "The Ultimate Fan Experience" at Santa Anita.

From 9:00 A.M. until about 5:00 P.M. we were in "Horse Heaven!!"

To our knowledge, this was only the second Saturday this "Tour" had been offered.

And only 10 people allowed per tour group (a very intimate group).

I believe this was offered only two (2) Saturdays per month, commencing in February??!

It was Sooooooo Great!

Well worth our investment of \$85 per person.

Santa Anita Racetrack is indeed "The Great Race Place!"

The tour commenced with a lovely breakfast at "Clockers' Corner," on the stretch turn... while watching the morning workouts.

The gorgeous San Gabriel Mountains as a backdrop!

We then toured the receiving barn, the jockey's silks room, a jockey meet-and-greet in the Paddock (with Jockey Aaron Gryder).

We viewed a specific race from right on the track apron... at the winners circle. Toasted the winner with Champagne after the race.

We had our own suite... and even got to watch from the announcer's booth as track announcer Frank Mirahmadi called a race. Exciting!

Lunch was included... along with a nice serving staff.

Tremendous Day.

We returned the next day (Sunday) with more Southern California family... viewing the proceedings from reasonably-priced Box Seats.

And the PEOPLE!! From the folks taking tickets at the main gate, to the food servers... EVERYONE!

Great People! Gorgeous Horses! Fresh Air! A Wonderful Experience...

Please do what you can to reinstate racing at The Great Race Place. We will MOST appreciate it if you do.

There are SO MANY people that NEED the work. And SO MANY great Thoroughbreds that just Gotta Run!

Thanks for reading!

Be Safe & Be Healthy!

Roger & Wendy Schutt

Grass Valley, California

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**From:** [George Buzzetti](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** BOS AGENDA RESPONSE TO ILLEGAL MEETING  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:00:13 PM  
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George Buzzetti

Former Director of Policy for CORE-CA and Chairman of AAEE

Give me now the Tamar Galatzan phone records according to AB 1909 or you all go to jail as the law requires. We will make you follow the law.

4-27-20, 4:52 P.M.

COMMENTS TO THE 4-28-20 LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING BY GEORGE BUZZETTI

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4. There are 55,000 foster youth in California. This is not much money. Please take extra care of foster youth as they are severely damaged by every measure of humanity.
6. We must do all we can to protect those who provide health care in nursing facilities. Recently, my friend Rollin Moody died from corona virus. You did not report his death and I have that proof along with giving the story to Channel 4 and Pat Healy. There is no question that I reported on deaths and not reporting the death before it ever hit the news along with homeless and incarcerated. This is on the record. Since you did not report Rollin Moody's death at the Alameda nursing home in Burbank how many more are unreported. In the county release sent to me by email it showed 3 sick at Alameda not 1 dead and 2 sick and now I understand it is 2 dead as now common in nursing homes as the employees and suppliers are the ones bring it in. Rollin Moody's wife could not even see him and they saved his body for an autopsy to see what the disease can do to someone like him.
8. It is especially important now that you do not cut off people being able to access the minimal General Relief.
14. We must make sure that there can be no retribution on employees if they are not provided the proper health care necessities such as face masks and visors along with gowns and such. No job can tell you to risk your life. They take enough serious risks already. Has anyone seen the deaths of doctors and nurses around the world along with police and others who come in contact as a part of their job?

15. We must do as much testing in congregated living as possible. These include the jails, prisons, nursing homes, anywhere where a lot of people live together such as skid row and other homeless camps. High rise apartment buildings also count as congregated living.

16. We must have "VOTE BY MAIL." It is outrageous to expect people to expose themselves to disease to be free to vote. Some say "We do not win if people vote." If this is what they think why do they think they believe in freedom and the constitution they swore to uphold. Make sure we VOTE BY MAIL. trump did. Good enough for the prez., good enough for all.

17. Digital access especially for those in the lower income brackets is of maximum importance especially to our children in school to give them a chance to stay with their education.

18. If Norwalk wants to be sociopathic they need a lesson in humanity. Let us give it to them. They are to follow the law and not beat up on our most vulnerable or they should see the inside of a jail cell for abuse, and abuse of power which is more powerful.

19. The most complicated part of this is the plan to reopen with the least harm both financially and medically. This virus is not a joke. Read about 1917 and how it started, projected, and how long it lasted and it was the second wave which was the worst. Is anyone planning what to do in a second, third and fourth wave that is going to happen until we are over worldwide 70% had the virus or vaccinated. This is reality. These virus's job is changing to adapt and keep replicating which is its only job.

Gov. Newsom is onto something with his new meals for seniors by using restaurants to feed the elderly. This helps elderly, especially low income and those with conditions, to stay at home and have excellent varied food as we have so many different kinds of food in L.A. This puts workers back to work with the businesses they work for. Now we are getting something for the money and doing good at the same time. The new world will not and cannot be the same as before. We now know that droplets can stay in the air for 3 hours. I wear a gas mask in public. Everything is filtered and the exhaust is a one way valve facing down. Be creative and think of this as an example of thinking outside of the normal box we have lived in for too long. "Safety and Creativity" must be our Logo. There is plenty of Federal money with our totally bloated military. They always rob the poor and needy for killing others without any consideration of them as human beings. What would we do without war? The economy would be trash as this is what we do, "WAR." It is time for a new war on corruption, greed, and inhumanity or we are all finished anyway.

20. This issue is almost the same as #19. First we must not allow any reduction in civil and human rights as is now going on behind the scenes including at the BOS with your illegal meetings and refusal to

control you criminal activities against the public and risking putting every decision you make in jeopardy due to the Ceast and Desist letter stating Null and Void your illegal decisions no matter how important as nothing is more important than you following the law for once.

Second this must be carefully planned for the least damage both medically and financially. Personally, I am glad I do not have a family and/or business anymore. It is bad enough being on low social security, Medicare constantly illegally trying to and taking away my Medical, and your illegal prosecution of me including the BOS illegally putting me into the State Mental Hospital with perjury and then forcing me onto ability. I have the document which states the BOS is responsible for the crimes on me which include as a result a 40% atrophied kidney and serious kidney failure to this date untreated now for 6 years which is how long, until recently, I have been refused health care.

So far, California and the City of L.A. have seems to have done a pretty good job when you look at the numbers and then at N.Y. and other areas. We would be in much bigger trouble without Newsom and Garcetti doing what they have done. Also, the blue states are showing the rest of the nation and world how to deal with this pandemic with an insane Federal Government, especially idiot boy, trump. I never capitalize his name.

Public Comment: First, you are to Cease and Desist on your illegal meetings. All decisions are to be made null and void as you and the L.A. City Council constantly break the Brown and Bagley-Keene Act provisions for public meetings and how they are to be held including during the pandemic due to the temporary orders from Gov. Newsom attached.

Have your general counsel respond finally to the PIR's I have sent the BOS, Superior Courts, LADA, LAUSD, and L.A. Public Defender's. You all are years over the mandator response time of 10 days.

Respond immediately as to why you are allowed to break the law in the manner in which you are presently running your meetings. Explain how you are meeting the law including the exemptions listed in the governor's directive attached.

**From:** [Sheldon Bridges](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Open up Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:55:33 PM

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To Whom it my Concern,

As a spectator and race horse owner, as well as being a professional horse woman, people need to get back to work at the track.

Horses cost money every day and if they are not allowed to race, they are not earning an income.

I know that the racing on TV has grown and people are sitting at home watching the races.

Please do not let Peta get the best of this World Wide Sport. Countries, like Ireland, actually subsidize the sport of horse racing. This is a big Industry World Wide and Santa Anita is one of the best tracks in the world.

Please open up Santa Anita.

Thank you,  
Shelley Bridges  
805-415-1422

**From:** [Kimo Harris](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Support to Reopen Santa Anita Race Track  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:55:34 PM

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Let's Continue To Be A Beacon of Hope!

Los Angeles County has been a Beacon of Hope from the very onset of COVID-19. We were proactive, not reactive. As we continue to move forward let us continue to be a Beacon of Hope. Let us continue to be proactive. We had every reason to struggle, instead we've become a shining example for the rest of the country. Thanks to the sincere efforts of Mayor Garcetti, the LA County of Supervisors, and Governor Newsom Los Angeles County has been a Beacon of Hope for Counties across the country. It is the trust in our political leaders, the adherence to their instructions, and our compassion for each other that has brought us to this point in our fight against COVID-19. Let us take this next step in our fight to a responsible and safe journey towards reopening our economy. Let's begin by opening up Santa Anita.

Most people associate Horseracing with gambling. Thanks to the great people over at TVG and the wonderful people of the TVG community I will forever associate Horseracing with great athletes and the superb people of the California Horse Racing industry. People of great Humanity. People like Nick Hines, we call him Sarge. For Horseracing fans Sarge's stellar accomplishments speaks for itself yet it is Sarge's faith, support, and straight-up personality that we treasure most. People like Garrett Gomez who humbled me with his generosity and love of fans. A quadriplegic racing fan from New York was a huge fan of Garrett's. I took a chance and emailed Garrett's agent hoping to secure an autographed picture for "gogofan". He invited me to come to Santa Anita. He said Garrett wanted to meet and to give me some things for gogofan. There was only 1 race that Garrett did not have a ride in. He spent that whole time with me, humble and compassionate. He proceeded to give me a plethora of gifts for gogofan, all autographed. He did the same for me even though I was there for someone else. It felt like he gave me everything but the kitchen sink yet it was clear he felt like there was much more to give.

Have you seen the movie Seabiscuit? At a time when America needed a Beacon of Hope Seabiscuit was representative of the common man. Tiny in stature yet large in heart and courage. He beat the unbeatable. And when Seabiscuit needed a Beacon of Hope it was the humans he entrusted that stood by his side, nurtured him back from a career ending injury, one that is many times fatal. America needed something to cheer, something to remind them that America will prevail despite the odds, something to affirm they're in this together

Remember California's very own, Zenyatta? She captured the Hearts and Souls of millions across the country. She beat the best in the world in the Breeder's Cup World Championships. They were all Males yet she stood tall with Grace and warmth. She made us believe that we can prevail against insurmountable odds.

In all their well earned accolades there is one untold story. What is the untold story behind Seabiscuit and Zenyatta? Great people! People of integrity, great work ethic, and a deep commitment to the athletes entrusted in them.

Horseracing Owners love their horses with deep affection. Trainers commit themselves to giving each Horse a chance at being the best they can be. And the Stable workers, dedicated and committed to caring for these tremendous athletes with genuine love and sincerity. They take great pride in what they do.

Let us be a Beacon of Hope for all the men and women of Horseracing. Men and women who have joined the fight against COVID-19 with all of us, hand-in-hand despite the hardships they've had to endure. The livelihoods of people in the Horseracing industry is enhanced by winning. Since March the men and women of Horseracing had only one competitor in mind...COVID-19. Since March the men and women of the Horseracing stayed the course in our fight against COVID-19 while struggling to make ends meet. Since March the men and women had one and only one foe they wanted to beat...COVID-19. They've watched places like Los Alamitos and Newport Beach irresponsibly operate. They have been steadfast and unwavering in our fight against COVID-19.

As we move forward towards reopening let us be inspired by their commitment to all of us. Let us realize that Horseracing without spectators in the stand is the safest place to begin. Let us match their courage and perserverance.

Let us continue to be a Beacon of Hope for our fellow citizens in Los Angeles. Let us continue to be a Beacon of Hope and example for America.

Let us be a Beacon of Hope for the men and women of Horseracing! Men and women that we can entrust with our safety and welfare the same way their great athletes do. They've earned it time and again. They need OUR help! They need from us what they've given us...a fighting chance.

Let's open up Santa Anita.

**From:** [Steve Westman](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28 meeting - agenda item 19 (safely re-opening LA County)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:56:33 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I write as an LA County resident and horse lover in support of action by the Board of Supervisors and County Health Department that would allow for the immediate resumption of spectatorless live racing at Santa Anita as one step in the safe and gradual re-opening of LA County. I believe there is a compelling case for such action based on the unique and self-contained nature of racing operations, the practicality of conducting racing while observing responsible distancing activities and the extraordinary safety protocols that would be required in order for racing to resume.

I think that a clear and compelling case has been made that racing can be conducted in a manner consistent with sensible and necessary public health precautions. Permitting a gradual re-introduction of activities that meet such standard and - like racing - also provide broad economic benefits to an ecosystem of workers will serve as a positive example of safe re-opening that can benefit the broader community by example.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Steve Westman

**From:** [Michael Behrens](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:58:13 PM

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To Whom it may concern,

I wanted to reach out and voice my support for the reopening of Santa Anita racetrack. Racing has a tremendous impact on the California economy and as a small start up in the horse racing industry it has a huge impact on my family and the families of my 8 employees and 7 full time contractors.

We are all aware of the severity of Covid 19 and the need for social distancing, but we also need to see parts of our economy opening when those openings have minimal risk. Racing has good precedent in Arkansas and Florida for keeping the industry functioning without fans. The workers self isolate and it allows the racing to continue and generate the needed income through online gaming. Not only is the income able to keep thousands employed but it is a necessity to keep our horses cared for.. and this has to be the priority if at all possible.

Thank you

Michael Behrens

**From:** [Jason Hurt](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Live Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:59:39 PM

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To Whom IT May Concern:

As an avid fan of horse racing I have vast knowledge the impact of no racing has on many, many great people in the industry. I truly understand also the impact of this pandemic our country is continuing to endure. Safety should always come first when it can. I strongly feel racing without fans issues no immediate concern for this virus. Live racing will allow people to start to recover especially all those workers behind the scenes. Racing has continued in Florida, Arkansas and a few other states with no hiccups. With the correct guidelines and strategies live racing should be able to resume in California. Trainers have been shipping their horses to these states to race and they shouldn't have to in order to attempt to bring in an income. Also, jockeys from the west coast are just out of work at this time among other people in the industry. I understand this is tough times and tough decisions, however, this seems to be an easy choice. Please consider letting them run and letting them work. The equine athletes also need this.

I understand my opinion may not mean a can of beans to anyone, but I wanted to write in favor of horse racing and their workers.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jason Hurt  
Tallahassee, FL

**From:** [Kara Cahill](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:00:08 PM

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Hearing date 4-28-2020  
Item 14

Please allow Santa Anita to reopen. It is essential to the equine athletes as well as the workers. Thank you in advance.

Kara Cahill

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [jayemess@att.net](mailto:jayemess@att.net)  
**To:** [PublicComments](mailto:PublicComments)  
**Subject:** Agenda number items 14, 19 & 20 April 28, 2020 meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:58:13 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing about declaring Santa Anita race track as a non-essential business and forcing them to stop spectatorless racing.

We are all very thankful that essential training has been allowed to continue with strict safety and health protocols already in place.

Racing without horse owners and fans is required to sustain our backstretch workers. Money generated by running races helps pay for an onsite hospital for the workers. It also allows trainers and owners to earn purse money to pay all of the bills. Backstretch workers get paid bonuses when horses they take care of earn money. Trainers earn money also to cover expenses that their day rate doesn't cover.

More importantly, conducting racing without owners or fans takes fewer people than training each day. Santa Anita has even presented you with a very detailed safety proposal over a week ago and you have given them no feedback. Santa Anita and the horsemen are prepared to bend over backwards to get back to work. Please let them know what else they can do to make you happy.

All of us that love this industry are taking care of the horses and the people but unfortunately YOU have let us all down.

Having the arboretum directly across the street open for business is a direct slap in the face to all of us.

Please allow Santa Anita to return to racing without fans or the owners who love their horses.

Sincerely,  
Samantha Siegel  
Horse owner and racing fan.

**From:** [Brian Wohlberg](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Comments for Board Meeting 4/28/2020, Items #14, 19, and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:59:37 PM

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Dear Board Members,

In regards to Item 14 on Worker Protections: As an account executive with one of the nation's largest nursery companies, I've experienced first-hand the day to day operations and safety obstacles associated with my sales reps and merchandisers in my customer's California garden centers - an outdoor setting in one of the largest in the nation. While our protocols and the protocols of our customer are very stringent, I've been extremely impressed with the measures that Aidan and the Santa Anita team have put in place and in play. The safety redundancies, isolation, and total buy-in by the staff, crew, and ownership teams defy any arguments that ANY business anywhere have a safer environment. We not only have an opportunity to feed, shelter, insure, and pay a working crew of well over 750 Los Angeles County residents by resuming racing, but we are able to safely contain and isolate a *willing* portion of the county's population to help prevent viral spread in the general population. If funding through racing isn't resumed, those residents scatter into the community with more movement that if contained and thereby increasing the chance of spread.

In regards to Items 19 on Safely Reopening LA County and 20 Roadmap to Economic Recovery: As stated earlier, resumption of racing at Santa Anita does NOT call for an increase of human traffic at the site. How many businesses can say that? The ONLY thing that suspension of racing ensured is that millions of dollars that would have flowed to a working population of LA County citizens desperate for that funding now flow out of state to operating racetracks in other parts of the country. While I am a racing fan first and a horseplayer second, I've definitely increased my active betting for two reasons: 1) For the distraction provided by the only sport still active anywhere and 2) to supplement my income during a time where I had to take a 20% pay cut due to the reduction of business in other parts of my company during the pandemic. This prevents me from having to apply for furlough unemployment compensation. I'd much rather keep my dollars in California. Instead, they're headed to Arkansas and Florida.

In short, there is NO RISK in resuming racing at Santa Anita. There is gigantic risk - actually, more of a certainty - of health and safety risk and economic ruin to the crew at Santa Anita Park.

Thank you and I look forward to your correct decision to resume racing.

-Brian Wohlberg

**From:** [George Buzzetti](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
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3. Prioritize healthcare workers: This issue is of maximum importance. Without our health care workers being as safe as they can be we are finished as there will be no one with the knowledge and experience to save human beings. This pandemic can go on for 2 years. trump et al are lying and denying the actual science. I read an article about workers who make the material for the M-95 masks and they agreed to work and live in the same place for 28 days to make sure they could make 40 million pounds of the fiber necessary for the M-95 masks. This is what it takes. Please pass this measure.
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6. We must do all we can to protect those who provide health care in nursing facilities. Recently, my friend Rollin Moody died from corona virus. You did not report his death and I have that proof along with giving the story to Channel 4 and Pat Healy. There is no question that I reported on deaths and not reporting the death before it ever hit the news along with homeless and incarcerated. This is on the record. Since you did not report Rollin Moody's death at the Alameda nursing home in Burbank how many more are unreported. In the county release sent to me by email it showed 3 sick at Alameda not 1 dead and 2 sick and now I understand it is 2 dead as now common in nursing homes as the employees and suppliers are the ones bring it in. Rollin Moody's wife could not even see him and they saved his body for an autopsy to see what the disease can do to someone like him.
8. It is especially important now that you do not cut off people being able to access the minimal General Relief.
14. We must make sure that there can be no retribution on employees if they are not provided the proper health care necessities such as face masks and visors along with gowns and such. No job can tell you to risk your life. They take enough serious risks already. Has anyone seen the deaths of doctors and nurses around the world along with police and others who come in contact as a part of their job?

15. We must do as much testing in congregated living as possible. These include the jails, prisons, nursing homes, anywhere where a lot of people live together such as skid row and other homeless camps. High rise apartment buildings also count as congregated living.

16. We must have "VOTE BY MAIL." It is outrageous to expect people to expose themselves to disease to be free to vote. Some say "We do not win if people vote." If this is what they think why do they think they believe in freedom and the constitution they swore to uphold. Make sure we VOTE BY MAIL. trump did. Good enough for the prez., good enough for all.

17. Digital access especially for those in the lower income brackets is of maximum importance especially to our children in school to give them a chance to stay with their education.

18. If Norwalk wants to be sociopathic they need a lesson in humanity. Let us give it to them. They are to follow the law and not beat up on our most vulnerable or they should see the inside of a jail cell for abuse, and abuse of power which is more powerful.

19. The most complicated part of this is the plan to reopen with the least harm both financially and medically. This virus is not a joke. Read about 1917 and how it started, projected, and how long it lasted and it was the second wave which was the worst. Is anyone planning what to do in a second, third and fourth wave that is going to happen until we are over worldwide 70% had the virus or vaccinated. This is reality. These virus's job is changing to adapt and keep replicating which is its only job.

Gov. Newsom is onto something with his new meals for seniors by using restaurants to feed the elderly. This helps elderly, especially low income and those with conditions, to stay at home and have excellent varied food as we have so many different kinds of food in L.A. This puts workers back to work with the businesses they work for. Now we are getting something for the money and doing good at the same time. The new world will not and cannot be the same as before. We now know that droplets can stay in the air for 3 hours. I wear a gas mask in public. Everything is filtered and the exhaust is a one way valve facing down. Be creative and think of this as an example of thinking outside of the normal box we have lived in for too long. "Safety and Creativity" must be our Logo. There is plenty of Federal money with our totally bloated military. They always rob the poor and needy for killing others without any consideration of them as human beings. What would we do without war? The economy would be trash as this is what we do, "WAR." It is time for a new war on corruption, greed, and inhumanity or we are all finished anyway.

20. This issue is almost the same as #19. First we must not allow any reduction in civil and human rights as is now going on behind the scenes including at the BOS with your illegal meetings and refusal to

control you criminal activities against the public and risking putting every decision you make in jeopardy due to the Ceast and Desist letter stating Null and Void your illegal decisions no matter how important as nothing is more important than you following the law for once.

Second this must be carefully planned for the least damage both medically and financially. Personally, I am glad I do not have a family and/or business anymore. It is bad enough being on low social security, Medicare constantly illegally trying to and taking away my Medical, and your illegal prosecution of me including the BOS illegally putting me into the State Mental Hospital with perjury and then forcing me onto ability. I have the document which states the BOS is responsible for the crimes on me which include as a result a 40% atrophied kidney and serious kidney failure to this date untreated now for 6 years which is how long, until recently, I have been refused health care.

So far, California and the City of L.A. have seems to have done a pretty good job when you look at the numbers and then at N.Y. and other areas. We would be in much bigger trouble without Newsom and Garcetti doing what they have done. Also, the blue states are showing the rest of the nation and world how to deal with this pandemic with an insane Federal Government, especially idiot boy, trump. I never capitalize his name.

Public Comment: First, you are to Cease and Desist on your illegal meetings. All decisions are to be made null and void as you and the L.A. City Council constantly break the Brown and Bagley-Keene Act provisions for public meetings and how they are to be held including during the pandemic due to the temporary orders from Gov. Newsom attached.

Have your general counsel respond finally to the PIR's I have sent the BOS, Superior Courts, LADA, LAUSD, and L.A. Public Defender's. You all are years over the mandator response time of 10 days.

Respond immediately as to why you are allowed to break the law in the manner in which you are presently running your meetings. Explain how you are meeting the law including the exemptions listed in the governor's directive attached.

**From:** [Nicole Anhaiser](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14- Workers Protections; Item 19-Safely Reopening LA County, Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:44:35 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

As an employee of a fourth generation family owned farm here in Central California and a supporter of responsible Thoroughbred racing, I am directly affected by the challenges amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. The ban put in place by LA County for the racing industry; one that supports so many hard working, caring individuals throughout California, is an unnecessary action that threatens the livelihood and well-being of so many.

Currently, Santa Anita Park is open for training and safely stables hundreds of horses. It is also home to many backside workers. Santa Anita has gone above and beyond to keep the people and community safe. They provide an ideal environment that could easily resume racing and operate safely under current conditions. The majority of staff needed to resume racing already remains on site and have been following protocols already established. The few trainers and veterinarians who do commute take the corona virus very seriously and follow all guidelines to maintain sanitary conditions.

Allowing racing to begin again provides for continued purse distributions that generates part of the revenue needed to keep track staff employed, as well as help keep those of us back at the farm employed as well so we can continue taking excellent care of our horses. Without racing many self-employed trainers all over California rely on the racing industry as well. They do not qualify for the PPP, nor unemployment. Without racing, they will not have horses in training. How will they provide for their families?

Please also remember that the racing industry works hard to take care of OTTB, or retired racehorses. Many non-profits that care for these retired horses rely on funding DIRECTLY from purse distribution. These horses deserve nothing but the best, and this steady stream of funding is vital to their operation.

Santa Anita Park has the best interest of the track staff, horses, and community at heart and I trust they will continue to take the COVID-19 pandemic seriously. Please give us the opportunity to provide for our families, including our horses.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nicole Peacock

**From:** [Alana Krider](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting, Agenda Items 14, 19, and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:47:14 PM

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RE: Agenda items: 14-Worker Protections; 19-Safely Reopening LA County; and 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.

Dear Board Members:

I want to express my full support for the proposal from Santa Anita Park in Arcadia to resume spectator-free racing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

As a strong advocate for horses and animal welfare, I know it is necessary to resume racing to keep thousand of horses from being shipped to their deaths at slaughterhouses in Mexico when the money runs out to feed and care for them. Horse racing must resume to provide purse money to save the lives of these horses.

The livelihoods of the many people who live and work at the racetrack are also at stake.

Backstretch workers and trainers currently must be at Santa Anita Park to care for the horses anyway, so there would be virtually no additional risk in allowing the races to be run without spectators.

Please, save the lives of thousands of horses by allowing spectator-free racing to resume at Santa Anita Park.

Best regards,

Alana Krider

**From:** [Phyllis Davis](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:47:04 PM

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Although I currently live in Washington I support the opening of Santa Anita, I worked there for years, lives are depending on the track reopening.

The horses still need to be taken care of multiple times a day, not being able to run can endanger the lively hood of the whole racing community. Santa Anita has done their homework on keeping everyone safe and are doing a great job from what I've read. PLEASE allow the great race place to open.

Items 14, 19 and 20 on April 28th is what meeting I'm referring to.

Thank you for taking the time to read my plea

Phyllis Davis

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**From:** [Jarrett Yanez](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment - April 28, 2020 BOS Meeting - Agenda Item 14,19,20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:46:48 PM

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April 27, 2020

To: Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Chair  
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis  
Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas  
Supervisor Sheila Kuehl  
Supervisor Janice Hahn  
Sachi A. Hamai, Chief Executive Officer

From: Jarrett S. Yanez

Re: Agenda Item 14. Worker Protections; Agenda Item 19. Safely Reopening Los Angeles County; Agenda Item 20. Los Angeles County Roadmap to Economic Recovery; Agenda Item 47. General Public Comment;

My name is Jarrett Stephan Yanez and I am writing to you as a resident of the Unincorporated 1<sup>st</sup> District, a stakeholder of numerous thoroughbred horses training at Santa Anita Park, and I am announcing my support for Santa Anita to resume spectator-free live racing.

Live racing provides financial support for the well-being of horses and the workers who take care of them. These 750 backstretch workers are essential to the welfare of the 1500+ thoroughbred horses that are stabled at Santa Anita Park. On March 27, 2020 Los Angeles County Department of Health prohibited live racing at Santa Anita Park, impacting the risk of backstretch workers losing income, housing, health benefits, and the state's retired racehorse program, etc. by withholding the financial support that live racing provides.

Again, I want to express my support for Santa Anita to resume live racing while staying closed to the public during these turbulent times. Santa Anita is making a responsible request to protect public health, the well-being of horses and workers. California horse racing can help power our economic recovery.

Sincerely,

Jarrett S. Yanez

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Jo Anne Disney <joannedisney29@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:46 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Re-Opening Non-Spectator Racing At Santa Anita

I am contacting the Board prior to your Tuesday's meeting and hope during the meeting you will accept Santa Anita's 12-page proposal to reopen non-spectator racing immediately. This is for the sake of the 750+ workers and the 1,700 thoroughbreds. The 10 to 12 jockeys do not pose a virus threat. The fact that you are already allowing 1,300 different visitors into the L.A. County Arboretum everyday across the street from Santa Anita, When I drive by Arboretum, I have seen people having picnics on the front lawns, no masks and no social distancing. The parking lot is packed.

I don't understand why racing is open internationally and at home but not at Santa Anita. I am a local resident and Santa Anita does not pose a threat to the health and safety of local residents and so I am not at all worried about them reopening.

Please reconsider your decision and allow Santa Anita to care for their horses and let their caregivers be able to not only care for the horses, but to survive financially during the very stressful time. Think of the welfare of defenseless horses and keep them healthy by allowing non-spectator racing.

Sincerely,

Jo Anne Disney  
Temple City, CA

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Amy Tremper <40inseam@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Reopen Santa Anita Racetrack

Please open live racing at Santa Anita. The public does not need to attend but the backside workers need our help. The horses need to race for their health and well being.

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Teresa Fasolino <tfasolino@earthlink.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Re: Support for The safe return of racing to Santa Anita

Dear LA County Executive Office,

I am writing to support the plans and protocols the Stronach Group have submitted in hopes of allowing racing to resume both "spectator-less" and with restrictions, taking the necessary precautions to ensure a safe and sustainable situation for all involved.

More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing their income, their home, their healthcare, and their way of life without the financial support that live racing provides. Many programs are directly funded by the money taken in, allowing aftercare for horses, healthcare for humans, and many other fundamental necessities. I also fear for the welfare of the many who care for our horses each and every day. The horses themselves are in such danger when they can not race. So many small owners and trainers can not afford the carry the expenses of caring for these horse indefinitely. Carma the biggest aftercare in CA has announced it can no longer take in new horses. They could wind up in a bad situation. There have been zero reports of infection at Santa Anita. I ask you to consider bringing back safe and spectator less racing to the great Santa Anita. Racetrack.

Sincerely ,  
Teresa Fasolino

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Renee Glass <renee.glass@me.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Open racing please

Renee Glass  
wanabfarms@att.net  
(503)819-0852



**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** D48511 <d48511@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Horse Racing

Please consider the toll on the human and equine lives if racing is not allowed to resume. The people and the horses they take care of are depending on you for their future. PLEASE help them by letting racing resume.

Thank You

## Cortez, Katelyn

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**From:** Dave Bullen <descon48@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Allowing Horse Racing

Dear Sir or Madam,

We have been presented with a situation that is a "damned if we do and damned if we don't." No one wants anyone to get sick and/or die, but no one wants to see people lose the ability to feed their family and have a roof over their head. We have enough of that already in L.A. County and California. People have sacrificed for many weeks now. It's time, with the proper safeguards, to allow horse racing to resume. I've watched Gulfstream Park, Oaklawn and other sites provide racing through the last several weeks. To the best of my knowledge, no one has contacted the virus as a result. To keep Santa Anita closed any longer will probably end horse racing in southern California. It was shaky before the virus and, by now, standing on one leg. I realize that public safety is a good part of your responsibility, but for those that don't have any where else to turn, it's time to allow them to take care of their jobs and the horses as well.

We all take a chance getting out of bed each morning. From my observation, you're more apt to die from a driver running a red light (apparently red means run it in So. Cal.) than dying from the virus.

Respectfully,

David Bullen

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Shannon Castagnola <SCastagnola@woodfordtb.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** We support Santa Anita workers and horses

We support the opening of Santa Anita for spectator less racing.

Horses must be fed, cleaned and exercised and only humans can take care of those needs. Racing must operate to prevent a humanitarian and animal welfare disaster.

Shannon Castagnola  
Director of Marketing and Client Relations  
(859) 351-2736  
Woodfordthoroughbreds.com

**From:** [Rendy Velasco](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Track  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:47:52 PM

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Dear Sir/ Maam, Pls let Santa Anita have the races. Anyway its close to the public. And they are doing all the precautionary measures for the safety of the people manning the races. You will be helping a lot of families who are living in the barn area and those low income families who are taking care of the horses. I hope u will open your heart. Thank you very much!!! GOD bless u all!!

Respectfully yours, Florendo Velasco.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Howard Steninger](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Reopening Santa Anita Race Track. Agenda items #14, 19 and 20. 4-28-20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:47:19 PM

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I am providing my comments to the LA County Board of Supervisors, so that Santa Anita Race Track, where I work can be reopened.

My name is Howard Steninger. I work in the racing industry as a pari-mutual clerk. I have performed my job at many other race tracks around California, as well as Santa Anita.

I began working in this industry in 1988, and so I have been at it for 32 years. I hoped to continue working there after my retirement.

Santa Anita needs to reopen to racing, at least for the horse handlers and jockeys. They and we (pari-mutuels) have been unemployed since March 19, 2020. At least that's the last day I worked.

These workers are essential to the care and training of the horses. Without them there will be no horse racing in California. I have been told that 20,000 to 40,000 California jobs are directly tied to horse racing.

The races can be run safely without any adverse ramifications due to spread of illness, if no customers or patrons are in attendance at the live horse races. This reopening is essential to all these workers and their jobs. A lot of the workers are Hispanics and immigrants. The present work shutdown is devastating for them and all of us.

All workers need to work to survive. Work has dignity and value. The money we earn at Santa Anita enables us to survive.

Please allow us to SURVIVE!

Please allow Santa Anita to reopen.

Reopening Santa Anita is both safe and important.

Thank you.

Howard Steninger  
Santa Anita Pari-mutuel teller

**From:** [Ashley Bloom](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** For the Love of Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:45:24 PM

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Dear LAC Board of Supervisors,

I write this with a full heart and hopes to raise awareness to the act of allowing Santa Anita to resume "spectatorless" live racing. Live racing not only provides financial support for the well-being of horses, but more importantly the workers that take care of them. In many states throughout the USA, horse racing is being safely run without spectators.

I ask that you please allow horse racing to resume, in order for people to make a living and to give fans what they love. I have been around horse racing my entire life, raised around hundreds of beautiful horses, and have experienced the amount of joy horse racing can bring to everyone (especially in a time of what we are going through).

It is known that the LA Arboretum is open and safely operating, whereas Santa Anita is located just right across the street. So Santa Anita deserves the chance to safely operate as well.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ashley Bloom

**From:** [janedempsey@earthlink.net](mailto:janedempsey@earthlink.net)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Racing at Santa Anita Park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:44:48 PM

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Dear Supervisors,

I am in support of “spectator-less” horse racing to resume. Please approval the plan submitted.

Thank you,  
Jane Dempsey

**From:** [Chad Calvert](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Request to Resume Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:43:55 PM

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To the LA County Board of Supervisors,

I have been associated with thoroughbred racing for over 50 years. In as much, I have invested a lot of money and time into this exciting sport. The horses are beautiful athletes who require a lot of care and upkeep. They are bred to race and to compete at a level which requires specialized training and physical attention. They are well cared for and I have always maintained that their safety and the safety of those who are involved in their daily training and upkeep are paramount. Unfortunately, with Santa Anita being deemed a “non essential” business and therefore, not being allowed to operate, no income is being earned. This is causing irreparable damage to the industry.

I’m sure you know that other states are allowing thoroughbred racing without patrons being allowed to attend; Arkansas, Florida, and Nebraska . Each race track has had a lot of success and have taken measures to promote safety and the well being of all those involved. In fact, Los Alamitos in Orange County has been racing without any issues. I’m afraid that the clock is ticking on the survival of horse racing in California and, therefore, it is imperative that live racing be allowed to continue so that the revenue which it generates can provide the necessary relief which is needed at this time. Without racing, tens of thousands of jobs will be lost and tax revenue for the state of California will be forever lost. Moreover, an interesting piece of irony is the fact that Santa Anita Park was created in its current location in 1934 during the Great Depression. One of the reasons for its success was the State’s interest in receiving tax revenues during one of the most difficult times in past history. Now with the COVID-19 pandemic, I’m sure that California will welcome the needed tax revenue which Santa Anita generates. As an owner, I’ve been concerned with the inconsistency of racing in California. Further delay in allowing racing to resume will require not only me, but several other owners and trainers to leave California to race in other states. I know that serious measures have been made to keep the racing personnel and horses safe during these trying times. Please allow racing to continue for the betterment of the breeders, owners, trainers, jockeys, grooms, track employees, and all of their respective families that count on racing to support their livelihoods. Irreparable damage will be the result unless racing resumes quickly. Thank you for considering my concerns,

Chadwick Calvert

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Teresa Fasolino](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re" Support for A safe return to racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:43:23 PM

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Dear LA County Government ,

I am writing to support the plans and protocols the Stronach Group have submitted in hopes of allowing racing to resume both "spectator-less" and with restrictions, taking the necessary precautions to ensure a safe and sustainable situation for all involved.

More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing their income, their home, their healthcare, and their way of life without the financial support that live racing provides. Many programs are directly funded by the money taken in, allowing aftercare for horses, healthcare for humans, and many other fundamental necessities. I also fear for the welfare of the many who care for our horses each and every day. The horses themselves are in such danger when they can not race. So many small owners and trainers can not afford the carry the expenses of caring for these horse indefinitely. Carma the biggest aftercare in CA has announced it can no longer take in new horses. Our beloved horses could wind up in a bad situation. There have been zero reports of infection at Santa Anita. I ask you to consider bringing back safe and spectator less racing to the great Santa Anita. Racetrack.

Sincerely ,

Teresa Fasolino

**From:** [Ed Arias](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Santa Anita park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:51:14 PM

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From: **Ed Arias** <[ej2207@gmail.com](mailto:ej2207@gmail.com)>  
Date: Mon, Apr 27, 2020, 16:36  
Subject: Santa Anita park  
To: <[PublicComments@bislacounty.gov](mailto:PublicComments@bislacounty.gov)>

To all concerned, I am writing in what hopes to be a chance at returning racing to Santa Anita park.

I know in these tough times the County has to do what's best for the people, all the people. This is why I am writing to ask that you not forget the working people that are truly affected by the closure. They are a hard working group that doesn't want handouts but rather a hand up. They want to do their jobs and feel both responsible and respected by their families and peers. I know that you're all trying to do what's best, but racing has continued in other states without incident. And as Santa Anita has some of the strictest rules and guidelines for following the Governor's plan I believe that non-spectator racing will both be beneficial to the community and state in the ways of earned income.

I thank you for your time and hope you will look at this objectively.

Regards,

Edward Arias  
Menifee CA

**From:** [scottlalo@aol.com](mailto:scottlalo@aol.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** We Support Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:50:07 PM

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Hello please resume horse racing at Santa Anita with all of the proper precautions.

Thank you!

Scott La Loggia  
CHRB Licensed Owner

**From:** [Scarlet Timphony](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Open Horse Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:48:50 PM

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To the Board of Supervisors:

I am a life long Democrat voter and horse-person as many are in the industry. We are a bipartisan industry with a huge number of voters who live and work in Los Angeles County. I was totally disgusted to see an extremely condescending letter sent out by Kathryn Barger's office in response to the letters regarding live racing that were sent to her. I voted for her the last two elections and it may be the last time I do so.

We are aware of the dangers of the pandemic. I , for one , am in the danger zone but I spent 35 years of my life with the racehorses with my husband who was a trainer. I know the people who live and work with the horses everyday on the backside of Santa Anita and I can tell you, it is a love affair and it is a family affair.

We are aware of a conspiracy within the La County Heath Department and the animal extremist organization HORSE RACING WRONGS . We have copies of the website of their leader Ellen Erickson of SAN DIEGO taking credit for shutting down Santa Anita with a promise from their co-conspirator within the department to make certain the track does not open again. They have since removed the message , however we do have copies. This is an insidious group who would attempt such a hideous deed during a pandemic. They have even gone so far as to call the backside workers dirty migrant workers which is the furthestmost thing from the truth and is extremely RACIST. People who have obviously never set foot on the backside of the track or on a farm should know it is a hard backbreaking dirty job but just like cleaning toilets it is necessary and an honorable way to make a living. These people are not migrants although they are a majority of Latinos. Some of them second and third generation working with the horses and have put their children through school and supported their families.

What seems to escape all of you is that the backside is a self isolated community rather like a commune family . Outsiders who are not licensed are not permitted. Everyone knows each other. They have medical, dental and a cafeteria..

Regardless of whether the races are on or not, the horses must be taken care of seven days a week. The horses are never left alone. The horses must go out to exercise to stay happy and healthy just like humans. They enjoy going out .

There is no difference except the economic and emotional toil that is being put on the workers , the trainers, the riders and the owners. IF the horses are not running, the state is not getting 5.2 billion dollars for the GDP, the county is NOT getting their share and Arcadia is not getting its 1.5 million in much needed revenue for police and fire departments. The

owners are not making money so they can not pay the trainers. The trainers are not making money so they can not pay their workers, the feed company, and veterinarians. The jockeys are not making money so they can not support their families etc etc.

Santa Anita is extremely isolated and encapsulated within its self and can become even more so. There are no cases there so far and the workers who come from the outside such as trainers and jockeys are extremely careful and wear protective gear. Other tracks around the country are still running with no audience and are doing extremely well.

It is inconceivable that you can allow the Arboretum, directly across the street and doing extremely well, to remain open. Because of these "activists" with their lies, half truths and false equivalencies fed to the media, you shut down Santa Anita. The track has tried to make every concession as have the horsemen but you are determined. Los Alamitos is doing extremely well but they are in a different county and understand the "necessity" of the track.

We would like to have an investigation as to who the conspirator is with Horse Racing Wrongs and within the LA COUNTY Health Department. IF the DA can investigate horse racing then it is necessary for the Supervisors and the DAs office to investigate under the AETA Act ( animal enterprise terrorist Act ) federal law 2006. These devious animal extremists who are not in the least concerned about animal welfare or human welfare but have their own insidious agenda to ban horse racing, the meat industry, the dairy industry and poultry forever are being allowed to run rampant during these difficult times

Are you in cahoots also? Do you have any idea the emotional turmoil you are putting these people through? Let the LIVE racing begin, put your guidelines forward and let us follow them.

WE SUPPORT HORSE RACING!!!!

Sincerely,  
Scarlet B Timphony

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**From:** [Wendy Wolski Lembke](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:46:51 PM

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Dear members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

I am a very concerned horse racing fan and I need my voice to be heard. Santa Anita Park is one of the finest racing facilities in the world, right here in Los Angeles County. I am proud to live in Southern California, where I was previously able to attend live racing, frequently, during the season. I completely understood and supported the need to close the track to spectators when the COVID-19 pandemic made its way here though.

When all racing was suspended at Santa Anita, I became outraged at the damage that this is doing to our sport, our horses and our backstretch workers. I completely agree with Oscar De La Torre, who has stated: "More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides. We are making a responsible and reasonable request to protect public health and the well-being of horses and workers. California horse racing can help power our economic recovery."

I believe allowing Santa Anita to re-open for live racing, even without spectators, is critical and needs to be addressed in the following 3 agenda items for your Board of Supervisor's meeting tomorrow, Tuesday April 28, 2020.

Item #14-Worker Protections  
Item #19-Safely Reopening LA County  
Item #20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

Please carefully review the proposal from Santa Anita Park in Arcadia to resume spectator-free racing during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Santa Anita voluntarily began running races with no on-site attendance on March 12. There were no incidents or reports of COVID-19 positive tests. Nevertheless, racing was suspended March 27 by the LA County Department of Health. Night-time Quarter Horse racing continues at Los Alamitos in neighboring Orange County, and has no incident or reports of COVID-19 either.

We need Santa Anita to continue live racing. Please do not allow COVID-19 to destroy horse racing as a sport, the livelihoods of our wonderful backstretch workers and the well-being of the horses themselves.

Thank you for your attention,  
Howard Lembke  
6071 Chippewa Drive  
Westminster, CA 92683

**From:** [Anita Diaz](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:46:47 PM

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Dear Honorable Supervisor(s),

As a concerned citizen, it is crucial for Santa Anita Park to reopen for spectatorless racing immediately. Backstretch workers' jobs are in jeopardy. It has been reported, none have Covid-19. Santa Anita is committed to the safety of workers and horses. Reopening Santa Anita will prevent additional unemployment in Los Angeles County. Horse racing is essential to the recovery of California's economy. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Anita Diaz  
Concerned citizen and lifelong horse racing fan

**From:** [Kevin Yoder](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Support for Resuming Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:45:27 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

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If these workers continue to lose the revenue provided by purse distributions it will certainly create a tremendous hardship and added stress to an already stressful situation. The absence of racing will likely force many of these workers into homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kevin Yoder

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**From:** [Wendy Minovitz](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** The Re-Opening of Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:45:27 PM

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I was shocked and extremely dismayed to hear that Santa Anita Racetrack is planning to reopen. Governor Newsom has made it very clear that we need to practice social distance and stay at home for the near future. Only essential businesses are allowed to stay open and yours is definitely NOT an essential business. You are putting all of your workers at risk not to mention the horses. You may argue that you have no cases of Covid-19 at the racetracks but that is a misleading comment because there is no active testing there nor should there be. These tests have been in short supply and need to be used for ESSENTIAL workers - those that are putting themselves at risk for the sake of others. No one working at a racetrack falls under that category. It is time for you to do the only right thing and that is to close your gates!

Sincerely,  
Wendy Marcus Minovitz

**From:** [dbpickles](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for resumption of racing at Santa Anita !!!!!!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:45:27 PM

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**To:** PublicComments@bos.lacounty.gov; ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov

**Subject:** Support for resumption of racing at Santa Anita !!!!!!

Hi L.A. County Board of Supervisors,

YES, I fully support the comprehensive plan submitted by the management of Santa Anita, to resume live spectator-less racing! The Stronach Group proposal addresses (and exceeds) all of the health and safety concerns of the L.A. County. Not allowing for afternoon racing is extremely detrimental to the livelihood of approximately 700 backstretch workers that actually ALREADY LIVE ONSITE at the track 24/7/365!!!!

The denial to conduct live racing in a safe and spectator-less environment is nonsensical, in that it does nothing to keep anyone safer or to reduce the risk of spreading the Coronavirus.

Please thoughtfully reconsider your position and reopen the racetrack for afternoon racing. Nothing positive, helpful or even remotely in the public's best interest is being accomplished by the closure, and your are causing irreparable and disproportionate harm to the welfare and wellbeing of innocent workers.

OPEN THE TRACK AND GIVE THE FOLKS THAT DEPEND ON RACING FOR THEIR VERY EXISTENCE A CHANCE (Shelter, food, health care and mental well-being) A CHANCE TO SURVIVE. These people are the most vulnerable in society and were not considered when this short-sighted decision was made by LACHD.

Thank you, Don Black

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Mario Romero](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Reopening  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:45:05 PM

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More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides. We are making a responsible and reasonable request to protect public health and the well-being of horses and workers. California horse racing can help power our economic recovery. Tracks across the country that remain open have shown that they can operated safely. Don't allow people to use this pandemic to push agendas that have nothing to do with why the track is closed. It's not fair to the essential workers, the horses that need to be taken care of and the economical impact it will have.

Thank you,  
Mario Romero.

**From:** [Stacy Anderson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:44:33 PM

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To LA County Supervisors,

I understand that you fine people have a meeting tomorrow April 28, 2020 and that one of the items on your agenda is the resumption of live racing at Santa Anita without fans. I have been involved with racing in many different jobs most

of my working life. Covid-19 has destroyed many lives and jobs. The racetrack is a unique place. Not only are there many people who work there, they also live there. It also provides health care services to the people who work there. Santa Anita has put together many safety requirements in order to keep employees safe during the Covid-19 crisis, including (but not limited to) everyone on the facility wearing face masks and anyone entering the facility has their temperature taken before they are allowed to enter.

Personally my economic life has been destroyed. I have a small business that involves shipping horses. I am the only employee so am not eligible for the PPL from SBA. I have applied for the EIDL, but these programs keep “running out” of money.

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Clem Witherall](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Racetrack Worker Protections-April 28,2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:42:23 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

Please reconsider your decision to shut down live racing at Santa Anita Racetrack. Live racing provides the necessary financial support for the well-being of horses and the workers that take care of them. There have been zero reports of the positive COVID-19 infections at Santa Anita and the track has implemented the strictest protocols in the nation to strengthen public health and the safety for workers and horses.

Over 750 back stretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides. Santa Anita Racetrack has made immense strides in seeking to be the world's leader in horse care. This will be another opportunity to showcase the dedication and seriousness the track has placed toward maintaining the wellness of both its workers and horses.

Please reconsider the decision to ban live racing to provide the needed financial support that the back stretch workers desperately require.

Thank you,

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**Clem Witherall**

**From:** [Mike Abadir](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: In Support of Racing at Santa Anita - Agenda #'s 14, 19, & 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:41:44 PM  
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To Whom It Concerns:

I wish everyone safety during these difficult times. I will be brief. I am not in the horse racing industry, and I do not own any horses that run at Santa Anita. I do, however, recognize the humanitarian and equine crisis that will be caused if Santa Anita remains shut down. The actual running of races doesn't involve human to human contact. As such, the good highly outweighs the very minimal downside of allowing them to conduct an essential function (to many people and animals).

The byproduct of my business - actual NFL games - wouldn't and shouldn't be played if they were in-season. Horse racing, however, should.

I fully support the resumption of live racing at Santa Anita Park as soon as possible. I support Agenda Item Numbers 14, 19, & 20.

Thank you for your consideration. Be safe and God bless.

Respectfully,

**Mike M. Abadir**  
NFL Contract Advisor  
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**From:** [Anna Herrera](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita racetrack agenda  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:38:29 PM

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Hello,

My email is in reference to the meeting agenda regarding opening Santa Anita race track. The meeting will be held April 28 at 9:30 AM.

I support the reopening of the race track in accordance with appropriate safety measures to ensure public safety. The economic impact the track maintain and closure will be devastating to workers and horses.

With spectatorless racing, both the horses and workers will still be taken care of. And, as a spectator, we thoroughly enjoy watching live racing. I have been watching the races taking place in other states and we have been betting on them as well. Why not allowed to Los Angeles racing industry to start making some income again by allowing our own horses to race? I'd rather place my money back into our own economy.

Please open Santa Anita racetrack!

Anna Flynn

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dave Peterson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re: 4/28/20 Meeting; Agenda Items 14,19,20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:38:10 PM

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To LA County Board of Supervisors & LA Health Department:

This email is in reference to tomorrow's (4/28/20) board meeting - more specifically, I'm writing regarding agenda items 14,19, and 20.

Please allow the return of "spectator-less" live horse racing at Santa Anita Park. I believe Santa Anita has gone above & beyond what is needed to ensure the safety of its workers and horses. Should the ban on live racing continue, many employees will unnecessarily suffer long-lasting economic consequences.

I understand that you must be inundated with similar requests from businesses all across the Southland. I ask that you please grant Santa Anita the same attention & opportunity as its peers in the commercial space. If you decide that Santa Anita's protocols are inadequate, please issue a detailed explanation so that any alleged shortcomings can be immediately remedied.

As a resident of Glendale, I am proud of California's progressive history and believe Los Angeles County should be a beacon of equal opportunity. It would be extremely disillusioning to discover that Santa Anita was not given a fair shake due to political concerns - concerns that, in my opinion, are rooted in sensationalism and close-mindedness.

Thank you for your time and hard work during this difficult-to-navigate period.

Sincerely,  
Dave Peterson

**From:** [generickert@aol.com](mailto:generickert@aol.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** La County Meeting 4/28/20 Horse Racing at Santa Anita park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:37:54 PM

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As a licensed thoroughbred owner in California, I urge you to carefully consider the proposed plan submitted by the Stronach Group to allow racing to resume at Santa Anita Park. The 750 dedicated backstretch workers are at risk of losing not only their income but their homes, healthcare and way of life that racing provides them for support. Without racing these people will not only be unemployed but homeless. The 1700 horses on site need daily care that these workers provide. Without live racing, there is no revenue for continued support for this industry. There have been no reports of COVID-19 infections at Santa Anita and allowing racing will not jeopardize that statistic. Other states such as Florida, Arkansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma and nearby Los Alamitos are successfully conduction racing without spectators. Santa should be allowed to do the same. Horse racing and the care of these beautiful animals is an "essential" business.

Again, I ask you to please accept this proposal and allow racing to continue in Southern California.

Regards,  
Gene Rickert  
Owner

**From:** [Jennifer Paige](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:37:11 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

Santa Anita Park is a major economic driver for the region. Please consider allowing Santa Anita Park to continue to race. I have been involved in the racing industry for over 20 years. I am confident you will have the cooperation of all the horse racing community to abide by any safety protocols enacted in order to allow Santa Anita Park to hold live racing without spectators. It is in the best interest of everyone at Santa Anita to keep racing and keep our livelihoods going - something we can even accomplish without spectators in the stands. We understand this may mean making sacrifices, such as limiting interactions away from the track. Many professional grooms live on site, so they are already in a contained ecosystem at the racetrack. Santa Anita has restricted public access and implemented safety protocols, which include health assessments and temperature checks for access to specific areas like the barns and stable area. Please take the time to review Santa Anita Park's proposal to begin racing again without spectators. I am sure Santa Anita is willing to increase their safety protocols and follow recommendations put forth by the LA County Supervisors and Board of Health.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated. Many thanks to each of you for your ongoing dedication, patience and service to LA County as we all work through the Coronavirus Pandemic. I respect that you have an incredible responsibility to safeguard the citizens of Los Angeles County. Please take note that Santa Anita Park has not had a Coronavirus Positive. Allowing the grooms and trainers to continue caring for the horses has not had a negative impact on the surrounding community. Resuming live racing without spectators also will not have a negative impact on the surrounding community.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration in allowing Santa Anita Park to resume racing.

Sincerely,

Jennifer A. Paige

**From:** [chriseff](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery Dear Members of the Board, As a supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed the challenges of ...  
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April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

**The suggested letter (edit as appropriate)**

Dear Members of the Board,

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Thank you for your consideration,

Christopher M. Fronczek



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**From:** [JD Durham](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Calif thoro racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:41:28 PM

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I am in support of racing without fans attending but this epidemic has been blown way out of proportion and fan based attendance should resume by summer. An average weekday at santa anita had less than 5000 fans and weekends 10000. It would take a big race day to get to 20000. Lots of people are scatter out. People in luxury boxes are already social distancing almost. Ive been there days when i wondered if racing would survive with so few fans. Please restore the glory of a great sport profession and source of entertainment. Theres nothing like it !

**From:** [Cox Email](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Let Them Work-Let Them Run  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:41:26 PM

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Santa Anita has shown they are a responsible organization.  
Precautions have been taken.

Let them work, Let them run!

Regards,

Kelly

**From:** [peggy\\_paddock](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 4/28/2020 Meeting, Agenda Items 14, 19 and 20, Reopening of Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:36:07 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Due to the Covid 19 Virus, there has been an obvious loss of jobs in California as well as the entire United States. Santa Anita Race Track in Arcadia is just a small part of the statewide job losses suffered by race track employees. Job losses don't stop with the people that feed, groom, exercise and train the horses, but also include the mutuel clerks, management and staff, parking attendants, employees of the gift shops, concessions, restaurants, tip sheet sellers, printers of publication like the Racing Forms and Digest and then extends to other outside vendors that supply Santa Anita with food, etc.

Los Alamitos Race Course in Orange County, as well as some tracks around the United States are allowed to run without the benefit of customers. I am not understanding the thought process in not allowing Santa Anita to race horses, especially considering Santa Anita (or Los Alamitos for that matter) has not had any reports of Covid 19 infections. The Los Angeles County Arboretum just across the street from Santa Anita is allowed to operate with social distancing. Santa Anita would continue to be without spectators.

When I hear that Santa Anita is a "non-essential" business, I am truly offended. For anyone that has employment in any of the departments I have referenced, their employment is "essential" to their and the well-being of their family. Please kindly explain to me how the Arboretum is a business more "essential" than Santa Anita. I would suspect that Santa Anita contributes substantially more revenue to the State of California and City of Arcadia than the Arboretum with or without spectators through the mutuel handle.

At the Tuesday April 28th meeting, I hope the Board of Supervisors and Health Department will consider the reopening of Santa Anita Race Track to racing without patrons and that in the near future Santa Anita can reopen with patrons under some approved guidelines.

Respectfully,

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310.259.0376

**From:** [kellyarubin@aol.com](mailto:kellyarubin@aol.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** RE: April 28, 2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:35:42 PM

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Item 14 - Worker Protections

Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County

Item 20 - LA County Roadmap To Economic Recovery

Thank you,

*Kelly Andrea Rubin*  
310-498-1805

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**From:** [Tom Hyland](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic  
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Thank you for your consideration,

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**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:34:44 PM  
**Attachments:** [Safely Reopening LA County Letter.pdf](#)

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Please see the attached comment letter on Agenda items 19&20.

Thank you!

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A grassroots alliance of 180 diverse business groups mobilizing 400,000 employers

April 27, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger, Chair  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 West Temple St. #383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Agenda Items 19 & 20 “Safely Reopening” and “Roadmap to Economic Recovery”**

Dear Honorable Kathryn Barger,

We are contacting you on behalf of BizFed – the Los Angeles County Business Federation. We are an alliance of 190 business organizations who represent 400,000 employers with 3.5 million employees in Los Angeles County. We are writing to comment on items 19 and 20.

We applaud the Board's motions on “Safely Reopening” and the “Roadmap to Economic Recovery.” Our member's first priority after the stay at home order lifts is being able to safely re-open their businesses and are prepared to take all the steps necessary to protect their employees, their customers and their families. BizFed also has a diverse group of industry sectors and size of employers already participating in our focused COVID-19 Economic Recovery & Jobs Task Force. This august group of over 100 businesses and business organizations are dedicated to helping all 88 cities and our county reopen as safely and effectively as possible. We are here to be a resource and believe that we can provide valuable ideas, insights and feedback as to how to safely and effectively open the economy.

Here are our initial thoughts.

**Safely Reopening.**

Business thrives when there is certainty. The COVID-19 emergency and the public agency response to it has created enormous uncertainty for every business in our region. It has also forced the closure of hundreds of thousands of businesses and the unemployment of 3 million persons (and climbing) in California.

How we get from today to our former days of nearly full employment and a booming economy, is the biggest uncertainty of all. While the discussion about reopening is only just beginning, there are few specifics being offered to bring any real hope to those who lost their jobs or closed their businesses.

**We respectfully urge the County to act quickly to establish clear, seamless and uniform protocols, which don't differ from jurisdiction to jurisdiction within the County, that enable businesses to safely re-employ their workers and place LA County's economy and workforce on the road to recovery, reinvention, resilience and resurgence.**

The President, the Governor, local officials, academics, and health officials have all outlined broad goals that aim to establish the criteria for re-starting our economy. Governor Newsom has said “expanded testing and doing contact tracing for those who test positive” is the first condition that needs to be met. It begs the question—how many tests is expanded testing—per day, per week, per month, total? How many testing centers? How many test kits? Who will do the tracing? How will it be done—in person or digitally? Who is responsible for buying the tests and conducting the testing? How much will it cost and when will we have the money? By what date will we meet the objective?

The Governor's second criteria states—“Being able to protect California's most vulnerable populations, including seniors, homeless individuals and those with compromised immunity.” Is isolating or quarantining protecting? If not, what is—a vaccine? Can we not open our businesses until there is a vaccine? How do we decide when someone is protected? Who is going to determine the level of protection required? How many people are we talking about and do 100% of them have to be protected? Who is responsible for doing this and documenting the protection?

With those kinds of specifics, we can track our progress and all lean-in to do our part to achieve them. Protective equipment, sanitizing, distancing, temperature testing, employee virus and antibody testing, and limiting public access are all measures that can be adapted by every business. But we can't get to that step without knowing the broader public health goals that need to be met in order to have a phased re-opening of our economy.

### **Roadmap to Economic Recovery**

We believe that a supermajority of representatives on the Task Force should be drawn primarily from LA County's most negatively affected sectors, such as accommodation and food services; retail trade; arts, entertainment and recreation; health care; manufacturing; construction; wholesale trade and logistics; and any number of service-based sectors, most of which support the poorest residents in our community, to establish these protocols and prerequisites for getting county residents back to work safely and as quickly as possible.

Along with providing the LA County Board of Supervisors with recommendations on the progressive steps needed to quickly **reopen** the economy and get residents back to work, we believe that this business-, labor, government- and education-comprised Task Force should be charged with advising the Board on: how best to accelerate the jobs **recovery**; how best to **reinvent** the LA economy to be more inclusive; how best to ensure more **resilient** economy going forward; and how best to promote LA's economic **resurgence**, levering, for example, the lessons learned and trends emerging from the crisis, e.g., broad band and communication technology for all, re-shoring of manufacturing, supply chain security. Still, we recommend that for the co-purposes of efficiency and of overall effectiveness that this Task Force be comprised of no more than 25 individuals so that it can act in the quick manner this crisis demands; if additional expertise are required, Task Force members can convene with other leaders to gather input.

As stated, BizFed is here to help with those specifics and provide feedback in areas of uncertainty. We hope you will consider us as a member of this task force and keep us informed of any and all actions taken. We are in this together and want to be as much of a help as possible.

Thank you for your consideration of our letter. If you have any questions, please contact [Sarah.Wiltfong@bizfed.org](mailto:Sarah.Wiltfong@bizfed.org), who is overseeing this issue.

Sincerely,



Sandy Sanchez  
BizFed Chair  
FivePoint



David Fleming  
BizFed Founding Chair



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**From:** [Nick Ben-Meir](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Reopening California Tracks  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:33:39 PM

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Gentle people

The race tracks have shown that they can function quite well as a closed environment, however without the actual racing, there is no financial support to keep the loop functioning, and it will eventually break down, causing significant financial hardship for those that have persevered to this point.

By reopening the tracks for racing, considering the strong protocols that have been proposed, we feel that the added risk is very small, compared to the benefits to be derived. Certainly far less than presented by opened and unsupervised beaches, hair salons, and tattoo parlors.

Please reopen Santa Anita, Golden Gate, and the other tracks which have presented carefully thought out plans to protect the participants

Sincerely

Nick Ben-Meir

**From:** [Elise Knight](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** BOS meeting April 28, 2020 - Comments on Items 14, 19, and 20 Reopening Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:33:18 PM

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I would like to comment on the items you will consider in the meeting tomorrow with respect to the conduct of live racing at Santa Anita and the fate of the people and animals that reside and work there.

I have been going to the races at Santa Anita since I was in grade school. It is regarded by racing fans world-wide as one of the most beautiful and gracious racing venues in the United States. It is internationally known and respected. I am aware of the horse deaths that occurred during the winter of 2019. I read about how the sport is covered by mainstream media driven by sound bites and 15-second info-nuggets that really do not educate anybody, but are guaranteed to incense. I grew up reading about horse racing in the L.A. Times and am saddened by how the sport I love is now largely ignored by local news media and how little people understand about the sport and industry. Much of the fault lies with organic problems with how the sport lacks centralized leadership, and has done a poor job of communicating to existing and potential fans. All of this is perhaps a long way of saying that as a life-long resident of Los Angeles County I think Santa Anita is a special gem that should be treasured for its historic legacy, it's status as an international venue, and as an economic presence in the County.

It is my understanding that the BOS are reluctant to allow live racing to return to Santa Anita since it was closed by the health department. I have never been able to find a comment or reason for this except that racing is considered to be a "non essential" business. I am living the COVID quarantine and I see where people go to recreate and, if this is the reason the BOS will decide it should remain closed, that makes absolutely no sense. I do not sense that the owners of Santa Anita racetrack, or the hundreds of people who live there, are trying to assert that horse racing is somehow an "essential" business. It is, however, a very unique economic and social ecosystem uniquely situated to be able to conduct live racing, with no public attendance, without putting at risk either the employees or the public at large. Some of the relevant considerations I urge you to consider:

1. Horses require 24-hour care 7 days a week. They must be fed and exercised. The racetrack owners have instituted, and will continue to maintain, protocols that maintain the safety of the people who live and work at the track and who much take care of the animals.
2. It takes few additional people to run live racing. I watch live racing at the few other track that are open. They are not like the meat packing workers who were required to work even though at risk. The race tracks have instituted safety protocols for all workers. It not only can be done, it is being done.
3. The economic engine that allows horses to be fed, to receive veterinary care, that allows workers to receive health care and essential services, is wagering. If races are not run, no income is generated. Horse racing is its own economic ecosystem that is driven by wagering. Live racing can be conducted and wagering occurs online. It is televised. Some day I hope to return to the racetrack to see the beautiful thoroughbred athletes. But now I will place online wagers and view the sport on television. To not allow live racing at Santa Anita puts at risk people who are essentially working without pay. Yes there are many people who have been economically displaced by the business closures implemented to control the spread of COVID-19, but why anyone in a politically responsible position would intentionally put people who can be gainfully employed without risking COVID-19 infection is beyond me.

There are many other risky venues open to large numbers of the public (several beaches, the Arboretum). It makes no sense to not allow live racing at a venue that will remain closed to the public and that has implemented safety protocols for employees. How many cases of COVID-19 have been reported from the Santa Anita racetrack community? They were very proactive in closing early on.

As each state contemplates how to safely ramping up economic activity, I hope the BOS will do the right thing and acknowledge the proven ability of Santa Anita race track to safely conduct its business without endangering the health of the public at large, or its employees. The matter is all the more head-scratching because people who claim to be concerned about the horses are not making decisions that are in their best interest.

Once Santa Anita is able to re-open to the public, I urge you to visit and admire the unmatched beauty of thoroughbred horses do what they do best.

Sincerely,

Elise and Richard Knight

**From:** [John Harris](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Reopening Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:31:54 PM

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I am an owner/breeder of thoroughbreds in Fresno County. The closure of Santa Anita has been a big blow to racing, and I am hoping it can be allowed to restart as soon as possible. Many jobs and economic impacts very much need racing to restart, even with conditions.

John Harris  
Harris Farms

**From:** [Brad Sherwood](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** L.A. County Meeting Agenda Item 19 on April 28, 2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:31:32 PM

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Greetings LA County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing this email to urge you to strongly consider re-opening Santa Anita Race Course for live, “spectator-less” racing. The hundreds of backstretch worker’s jobs are in jeopardy without racing as well as the enduring care for the horses housed there. Other jurisdictions have successfully followed the model proposed by Santa Anita Mgt and have had no COVID-19 cases under these procedures.

The economy has to reopen soon to avoid a social and economic catastrophe as bad as the COVID-19 problem itself. Whether racing can be considered an essential business can be debated forever but the indisputable fact is that the closure’s economic impact to the workers is nearing a crisis. Please look at this as a move towards gradually re-opening the economy in a safe and sane way and our community returning to some semblance of normalcy.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely

Brad Sherwood

**From:** [Richard Gubitosa](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:31:20 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

Please find a way to safely allow this great sport to resume again.

Thank you,  
A long-time fan

**From:** [Ami Atkinson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re-Opening Santa Anita Items 14, 19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:31:02 PM

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I am writing to the Board in the hope that they will take a serious look at allowing Santa Anita Park to resume racing, with no spectators as soon as possible.

The majority of Santa Anita's personnel live and work at the track. Those that don't, live in the vicinity of Santa Anita. You have allowed us to train the horses as a safety factor and while I am grateful for that it is imperative that we be allowed to race. By racing with no spectators the horses will earn their owners enough money to pay for their feed and care. Contrary to what many believe the majority of horse owners are not wealthy enough to pay the daily fees without some hope of making a little money in return. The purse money enables the owner to pay his trainer who then pays the feed bill, his help and several others (shoers, vets, acupuncturists, and others) along with himself. They, then can support their own families. There are hundreds of people depending on you to make a decision based on facts not emotions.

The handle from racing is used to fund many things in the racing industry, a full service medical and dental center for backstretch workers and their families at little or no cost, Self funded Workmans' comp, the Jockeys health insurance, The CHRB staff and costs, and various charitable contributions, again contrary to what some believe it does not all go to the Track ownership.

I believe that your decision to close us down was based on a complaint about compliance. Prior to the shut down all employees at Santa Anita as well as the trainers and their staff were following all of the guidelines set forth and then some. If you will recall the requirements were almost changing daily as the county and the world were dealing with the pandemic. Please do not listen only to those with the loudest voices. Santa Anita can have racing and through some minor changes in the way we operate can stay well within all of the mandated protocols currently in place.

It has been a month since we have been able to run. Our horsemen have stayed because their homes and lives are here but without actual racing the owners cannot financially or emotionally continue. They will send their horses to other tracks which are running so they can run. Owners love their horses and truly enjoy going to the barn, seeing them, petting them, maybe feeding them a carrot or two and bantering with the crew at the barn. They also want to see them compete. If the horses leave there is a good chance they do not come back and California will lose a valuable and historic industry.

Sincerely,

Ami J. Atkinson  
Executive Racing Assistant

25 year Santa Anita employee

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Anthony Fradelich](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Allow Santa Anita To Race !  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:30:36 PM

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Quit choosing winners and losers -- YOU ARE PUBLIC SERVANTS NOT DICTATORS.

Work with management so people can work and survive through a tough time.

On one hand you let criminals out and spoil the homeless so ruining average hard working peoples lives seems to be all your good at lately along with continuously raising taxes and distributing that money to your political backers.

So tired of your arrogant ways -- why many of us are leaving this state !

Tony Fradelich  
Orange County, Ca.

Attend races, occasional small percentage owner & bettor...

**From:** [Nick Esler](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:28:36 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I'd like to introduce myself as someone that has spent a lifetime brought up and working in an industry that has provided me a very privileged life to this point all because of Thoroughbred racing. I do not live in CA these days but did live and work in CA for years working at Santa Anita, Hollywood Park and Del Mar. There are thousands of individuals and families that rely on working with horses they love and care for each and everyday come rain, wind, fire, earthquakes, Viruses and they need the opportunity to withstand the attack on their livelihood that Covid-19 has committed.

Please give trainers and their staff the opportunity to continue to practice socially respectable policies in regards to the virus whilst at the same time continuing to make a living and simply survive this potentially tragic event.

Kindly yours,

Nick Esler (NY USA).

**From:** [wbpowell7@gmail.com](mailto:wbpowell7@gmail.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding agenda number 141920 for 4/28/29 meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:28:16 PM

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Please allow horse racing to start again at Santa Anita park. It would be a great help to the well being of the backside workers who depend on the money made from the races to survive.

Thank you,  
Bill Powell

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Peter Finch](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:27:12 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

If it can be done without spectators, and with all necessary precautions, I would respectfully urge you to reopen Santa Anita racetrack. I make my request out of concern for those whose livelihood depends on the track being open, as well as concern for those beautiful horses, and because I love the sport.

Thank you.

Peter Finch

550 Cypress Ave  
Moss Beach, CA 94038  
cell: (415) 577-0606

**From:** [Dan McCall](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:25:29 PM

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Please give your utmost consideration to allow Santa Anita to conduct racing without spectators. It is the humanitarian thing to do. Please do not allow politics into the decision

Dan McCall

**From:** [David McCaffrey](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:25:11 PM

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Please show concern for both horses and backstretch workers by allowing Santa Anita to race without spectators. Horses are dependent on their caretakers and caretakers are dependent on their jobs. Not allowing racing to take place (with all safety mechanisms and policies in place) jeopardizes horses' well-being.

Allow racing at Santa Anita to resume.

Thank you for your consideration.

- David McCaffrey

**From:** [George Chatigny](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [George Chatigny](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing Approval Request  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:24:27 PM

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April 27, 2020

Dear Board of Supervisors - Los Angeles County:

Please accept this email note as my request for the Board **to approve and reinstate horse racing** at Santa Anita and all the California race tracks in your jurisdiction.

It is important to the horse industry, including the thousands of people that work on the front side or back side of the race track, to the horses continued care by owners, trainers and grooms, the horses' current well-being and lastly, it is just the right thing to do. Santa Anita and other race tracks are ready, willing and prepared to mitigate each concern associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. It would take many more words to express what horses, horse racing and the heritage of it means to me, my family, friends and tens of thousands of others that have been involved with horses. At this time, without writing you more than is needed to make clear my ask of the Board, please feel welcomed to contact me anytime to discuss the topic. I can be reached at my cellular 818.254.5913 or email [George.Chatigny@Gmail.com](mailto:George.Chatigny@Gmail.com)

Thanking you for your service and wishing you the very best.

George Chatigny  
Burbank, California

**From:** [Lance Hayes](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:24:26 PM

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to voice my concerns over agenda item # 14, 19 & 20. With live horse racing being safely conducted in 5 different States including our own, I am hoping to sway you into helping the many workers that are employed in the Horse Racing Industry to go back to work. Without live racing the many people that rely on taking care of their families are in serious jeopardy! Please strongly consider opening Santa Anita for live racing as part of the step 1 process in re-opening our Great Country. Horse Racing is proving to be a great resource in this time of uncertainty. The viewership and handle at the race tracks that are operating have seen dramatic increases, without any outbreaks of the virus. Please help our historic industry in this time of need!!

Regards, Lance

Lance Hayes  
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lance@t-ridge.com

**From:** [imre.santha](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item #14, Item # 19 & Item 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:23:18 PM

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Horseracing at Santa Anita is so important to the local economy and would help other racetracks in the US. Horseracing once was just as popular as The NFL and MLB. Arcadia needs Santa Anita and The Arboretum. Sunday the Arboretum was sold out. What's up with that? OPEN SA PLEASE.

Thank you. I. Santha

[Sent from Yahoo Mail.](#)

**From:** [Zachary Skropeta](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:23:16 PM

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To whom it may concern, with all the safety protocols put in place at Santa Anita, I think it's time you allowing racing to resume. Racing is an essential part of the backstretch employees wellbeing's. Please take the time to review the protocols put in place and let's get racing up and running.

Thank you for your time,  
Zachary Skropeta

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ledfam6384@sbcglobal.net)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** POS Agenda Item 19 - Reopening LA County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:21:07 PM

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To the Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I write to ask you to direct the LA County Board of Health to permit the re-opening of live racing at Santa Anita Racecourse, without public in attendance, as soon as possible consistent with the safety protocols that have been presented to the Board of Health by the Stronach group and the Thoroughbred Owners of California. The lack of live racing has meant that the lives and the livelihoods of the 750 people who live and work at Santa Anita is threatened with no public benefit to offset this damage. At the time of the shut-down of live racing, Santa Anita had already isolated itself, forbidding the public and even horse owners – anybody not directly involved in the care or preparation of the horses or the operation of the broadcast feed – from being in attendance.

The shutting down of live racing was not consistent with the governor's edict to prevent face-to-face businesses from operation. No betting or personal sales was taking place. Santa Anita had already taken steps on its own to protect its employees, grooms, and jockeys by requiring protective gear, hand-washing, and social distancing.

The shut-down of live racing not attended by the public by the Board of Health did not result in any improvement in public safety or health. On the contrary it meant that the medical health facilities - which the track folks rely on and are supported by purses from racing – were no longer being funded, threatening their health and well-being. In addition, since horse owners depend on purses as an incentive to invest in race horses, it meant that owners may no longer choose to race their horses, thereby putting grooms, hot-walkers, trainers, assistant trainers and veterinarians whose living comes from Santa Anita, out of a job – again, with no resultant public benefit.

Please take action and instruct the Board of Health to respond positively to the proposals for a safe re-opening of Santa Anita racing as soon as possible. People's lives – and animals' lives – depend on it.

Sincerely,

Mary Ledding  
Resident of Los Angeles County

**From:** [Tim Cohen](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** For Board Hearing April 28 - Public Comments  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:21:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [LA BOS.docx](#)

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Please find the attached in support of opening Santa Anita.

Thank you,  
Tim Cohen



April 27, 2020

Attn: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Clerk of the Board  
Via e-mail [PublicComments@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:PublicComments@bos.lacounty.gov)

RE: Public Comments in support of Santa Anita Covid-19 Action Plan

Dear Honorable Supervisors:

Horse Racing is not essential.

However, Horse Racing is not a typical business. There are very few industries in Los Angeles County that provide HealthCARE (not health insurance) to its employees. There are very few industries that provide housing in the same location as the majority of its workforce/workplace.

HealthCARE is essential. Housing is essential.

Santa Anita has provided a very safe program to return itself to business...in a way that should be the benchmark for businesses as we return to economic activity. Their plan is thoughtful, and well founded in current scientific understanding of the risks associated with Covid-19.

Santa Anita can continue to provide HealthCARE and Housing if allowed to implement its business and Covid-19 health plan as provided to LA County Health Department. Their plan should be supported and Santa Anita should be encouraged to open for business.

Sincerely,

Tim C. Cohen  
Rancho Temescal, LLC

**From:** [Alfred Rodriguez](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please bring back horse racing!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:19:30 PM

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Sirs,

There are so many of us in the LA area that depend on racing especially through our care for thoroughbred horses that we need Santa Anita to reopen. This almost makes a difference for some of us between providing for ourselves and families and having to ask local charitable groups for assistance. We would rather take care of ourselves but that is only possible if you bring horse racing back.

PLEASE!

Alfredo

**From:** [Gary Vant Hof](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Supervisors MEETING 4/28/2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:16:45 PM

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Agenda Items 14,19,20

Good Morning

I am writing in support of worker protection as it pertains to reopening SANTA ANITA racetrack as proposed by Stronach Group without fans. The much needed revenue generated will allow for the continued care of the horses by the backstretch workers who are in danger of losing their income, health care, and housing. Horse racing currently taking place in Florida and Arkansas should provide a blueprint for resumption of racing in California.

Thank you  
Gary J. Vant Hof  
San Ramon Ca.

**From:** [Rick Lochner](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:15:38 PM

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Please allow Santa Anita to reopen for racing. Its closure will cause an immediate humanitarian issue while simultaneously destroying the industry in the state. You would also be essentially rendering significant investment worthless without compensation.

They were operating responsibly re Covid when shut down and have improved the operating plan since then.

Rick Lochner  
Encinitas, CA

**From:** [Jeanne Schnell](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing at Santa Anita Park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:13:43 PM

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To Whom It May Concern:

The nation is under the grip of an invisible monster like one we have not known in a very long time. While human health is paramount and should be so, that everyone remains healthy and hopefully guarded against COVID-19, we must not forget that we are stewards for animals as well.

Santa Anita Park is home to more than 1700 horses and 750 men and women who care for them. They eat, sleep and breathe the equine athletes who give their lives for an industry that provides billions of dollars to your state and the world. They are bred to run and Santa Anita affords them the opportunity to do so on a world stage as a leader in thoroughbred racing that has shown steadfast commitment to its horses and its people.

This past week, Santa Anita submitted a protocol to operate behind closed doors, with no spectators or unlicensed personnel, onsite quarters for all involved in racing - from the backstretch workers to the jockeys and staff required to conduct a race meet. Horses need to exercise and need to run. As grazing animals, they require movement for optimal physiological function. Being in a stall for 23 hours a day is harmful to them. Further, without racing, trainers and their staff cannot survive because they have no income. LA County has one of the highest homeless rates in the nation. If the continued ban on racing exists, another 750 people will be homeless.

Please reconsider your ban on racing at Santa Anita Park for the good of the humans and the horses they care for.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

**Jeanne L. Schnell**  
**M.P.S Animal Science**  
**Cornell University**

**From:** [Anthony Marcoly](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Anth](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:12:22 PM

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To whom it may concern:

Last year I got involved in a lifelong dream of mine, horse ownership. Via one of the horse ownership syndicates, I was introduced to Santa Anita. The trainer of our horse was Richie Baltas and we visited the backside frequently.

There was something very special when we toured the facility. We couldn't believe how brilliantly these special animals were cared for and the passion all the workers had for these animals and their livelihood. It could only be described as a **HUGE** family. I never imagined something like this even in my wildest of dreams. Wow, how lucky I was to be a small part of this!!!

I had no idea how many people lived on the backside of the track, all living out their own dreams of attending to and taking care of horses. A big village of horse loving people!

With the closure of Santa Anita comes with it the closure of many dreams. Race horses need to exercise and ultimately race, that's how they thrive. With no racing, the village is slowly be decimated. Their livelihoods, passion, and existence have been taken away. Anybody who has been to Santa Anita undoubtedly agrees this has been a huge mistake.

Let's undo this injustice and give both the horses and those that care for them, their dream back!

Please do the right thing and reopen Santa Anita and restore the love and passion of that **HUGE** and **WONDERFUL** family!

Respectfully,

Anthony Marcoly

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Robert Banever](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing at Santa Anita Item 14, Item 19, and Item 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:12:11 PM

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Dear Sirs,

I write this email in support of allowing spectatorless horse racing to resume at Santa Anita Park right away. The track has been operating safely with full training of the horses without any known COVID-19 cases since before the outbreak began. There is a close finite community of people caring for the horses in the mornings, almost all of whom live on the track. Everyone has their temperature taken and mask wearing is mandatory.. Social distancing is easily practiced as all work is done outside or in barns where there are no enclosed spaces for people to congregate and there is no necessary human to human contact. When horses are racing there are far fewer people on the track and yet it is still the same people conducting the races that are there working in the AM. No owners or outside spectators are allowed to view the races, the stands are empty. Right across the street the Arboretum has been open to the public with crowds of people and families visiting the facility. Why are they being allowed to open when Santa Anita is not? Far more close contact of the public takes place there on a daily basis and not all wear masks, unlike at Santa Anita where they are mandatory. Lastly Santa Anita Racing provides millions of dollars annually to the county of LA and the state of CA. They can do so now safely with spectatorless racing in my opinion. Let's give LA some entertainment that can be enjoyed by folks watching on television while supplying much needed revenues to the county and state. If there is much more of a delay there is a danger of the industry failing with an inability to recover. They've proven they can operate safely during this pandemic and I urge to to allow them the ability to conduct business now..

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Robert Banever

**From:** [Ernie Stevens](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Live Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:11:04 PM

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Please bring back live racing and support the industry and workers in horse racing in California. I live in Kentucky but we also need racing in California to survive.

Thank you!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Delrene Sims](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Santa Anita Racetrack  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:09:25 PM

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I am resending my comments for the right to re open SANTA ANITA.

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>  
**Date:** April 27, 2020 at 2:39:43 PM PDT  
**To:** Delrene Sims <delrene22@gmail.com>, ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>  
**Subject: RE: Santa Anita Racetrack**

Thank you for contacting the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors. We are in receipt of your public comment. For future reference, please submit Board meeting comments to: PublicComments@bos.lacounty.gov

-----Original Message-----

From: Delrene Sims <delrene22@gmail.com>  
Sent: Monday, April 27, 2020 2:25 PM  
To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>  
Subject: Santa Anita Racetrack

Please do not make this a political issue.  
These people are following strict protocol and health and safety.  
They need the right to return and California needs racing.  
They are doing right by your standards.  
Do not punish them or the animals .  
Act responsibly  
Thank you,  
Delrene Sims  
Carlsbad, Ca

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Connie Swift](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Resume horse racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:08:32 PM

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Horse racing was suspended at Santa Anita due to the outbreak of the COVID-19. It should be resumed because of the safety protocols that were already in place before the closing and will be continued when racing resumes.

These safety measures are successfully being used at other tracks preventing the virus spread-no spectators or unlicensed people allowed entrance and employees' temperatures are checked daily. Besides all the hand sanitizer around every corner.

The track can contain the spread of COVID-19 with the safety protocols and should be the only reason considered since it was the reason of the suspension.

To continue the suspension of horse racing because of the protests of animal welfare groups is not the reason the track was closed. If these protesters truly believed in the welfare of the animals, then the people that take care of them are ESSENTIAL workers. They feed them, clean up after them, exercise them because horses can't do this on their own.

Horse racing generates money ESSENTIAL for the owners who pays for the trainers and workers, their healthcare, veterinary services, feed, track maintenance and additional improvements for the WELFARE of the horse.

This also puts California trained horses at a disadvantage because they will have to ship to tracks that are still racing. This is not stay-at-home. Not all of the horses' handlers are able to travel upsetting the training routines.

I am a regular spectator at Santa Anita. Since now I watch the races on TV, I miss watching our horses race on our tracks-Golden Gate included. To allow racing at CA tracks would improve the entertainment value for TVG and NBC since **no other sports are being aired**.

There is also the benefit of revenue for the state of CA.

Please consider all of the above when you make your decision.

Sincerely,  
Connie Swift

**From:** [Patrick Maciariello](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: please open Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:06:59 PM

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Hello -

I grew up in LA County and am now fortunate enough to be able to own several horses who stable at Santa Anita. I would ask that you consider re-opening the track for racing. It feels like the track is being singled out and punished for some reason and just feels unfair. Even as a small owner I spend thousands every month to take care of the horses. From trainers, to grooms, to vets, to equine massage therapists (yes they have those and we pay for their fine services), the track ecosphere employs so many. Without racing though it is very very difficult for owners to continue fund the money that supports these jobs. I would respectfully ask that you consider reopening. Thank you.

Pat Maciariello

**From:** [Gmail](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:05:14 PM

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State and city need money from taxes earned from racing. Horses and their caretakers need to do just that....take care of one another. No harm to anyone except those in the horse industry. Re-open Santa Anita and let the community get back to helping the economy. Selfish politics needs to stop.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Christie Clendenan](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Date 4-27-2020 Item 14,19 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:05:13 PM

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Please resume "spectorless" Live racing at Santa Anita Racetrack. We need to support the horses, and the workers who take care of them. There are very strict protocols in place to strengthen public health and safety for workers and horses.

Thank you very much

**From:** [drewcat122](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Racetrack  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:03:21 PM

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Dear Sirs;

Thank you for the consideration in the interests of public health. We know this is a difficult time for all. The number of Covid related deaths in LA County has doubled. The governor will develop guidelines for opening essential businesses as needed. However, large venues and public gatherings, such as horse racing may go away in the foreseeable future. It is just the world we now have to embrace.

Be safe,

Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S® 6.

**From:** [lynn freudenberg](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:03:19 PM

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I find it unbelievable that the County Board of Supervisors would even think about reopening Santa Anita in the midst of this COVID-19 deadly outbreak. It is your responsibility to keep workers and the general public safe. Until Santa Anita workers are tested and negative for Covid 19, they are a public threat.

Governor Newsom stated he does not want mass gatherings until there is a vaccine for herd immunity. He defines "mass" as groups in the hundreds, which is exactly what you have at every racetrack, in order to operate this NON essential business of horseracing and gambling.

Reopening Santa Anita would be a blatant disregard for the public.

Last year was a very deadly year for California racehorses. After numerous investigations on the tracks, Santa Anita, and their conditions, it was found that the racetracks are finally being exposed to the public on their inappropriate care and practices.

Santa Anita is responsible for the deaths of 12 horses this year. Why is this not being investigated?

This is been going on way too long! The horses deserve better! Please do the right thing by keeping this race track closed!

Sincerely,

Cathy R. Galletta  
[linquine@juno.com](mailto:linquine@juno.com)

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [lakings22](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita reopen  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:03:12 PM

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Please open the track to racing without fans. These people need help. There have been NO covid19 problems

Please do the right thing

Sincerely  
F P Fruhling  
2028The Strand  
Hermosa Beach, .ca. 90254

Sent from my Galaxy Tab® E

**From:** [RichGlenn](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:02:38 PM

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Dear members of the board,

I live in California and I'm writing today to encourage you to please reopen Santa Anita for racing only. Many people enjoy horse racing not just here but all across the entire world and at a time when there is absolutely no Sports it would be a great thing to continue. Even more than this though I think about the hundreds of workers that have to take care of the horses and live there. They count on racing to make their money. They have to be there whether the races are going or not. From what I understand there's no reported cases of covid-19. I'm confused why it was shut down at all because it's all Outdoors and the workers have to be there anyway so nothing changed. I'm quite confident in the horse racing world and that they will take all the measures to make sure that everyone is safe. Please reopen because these people need to make a living. Thank you

Sincerely, Rich Glenn

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

**From:** [blackjade711](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** Support for resumption of racing at Santa Anita !!!!!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:01:36 PM

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Hi L.A. County Board of Supervisors,

YES, I fully support the comprehensive plan submitted by the management of Santa Anita, to resume live spectator-less racing! The Stronach Group proposal addresses (and exceeds) all of the health and safety concerns of the L.A. County. Not allowing for afternoon racing is extremely detrimental to the livelihood of approximately 700 backstretch workers that actually ALREADY LIVE ONSITE at the track 24/7/365!!!!

The denial to conduct live racing in a safe and spectator-less environment is nonsensical, in that it does nothing to keep anyone safer or to reduce the risk of spreading the Coronavirus.

Please thoughtfully reconsider your position and reopen the racetrack for afternoon racing. Nothing positive, helpful or even remotely in the public's best interest is being accomplished by the closure, and your are causing irreparable and disproportionate harm to the welfare and wellbeing of innocent workers.

OPEN THE TRACK AND GIVE THE FOLKS THAT DEPEND ON RACING FOR THEIR VERY EXISTENCE A CHANCE (Shelter, food, health care and mental well-being) A CHANCE TO SURVIVE. These people are the most vulnerable in society and were not considered when this short-sighted decision was made by LACHD.

Thank you, Barbara Black

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Jason Baran](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** I support live racing to return  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:01:12 PM

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It's been proven it can be done safely by several other tracks. Additionally, a great majority of the folks required are already there caring for the horses. It only makes sense to resume live racing.

Thanks,

Jason

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jeffrey Bloom](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:00:44 PM

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Dear LAC Board of Supervisors:

Please consider this request to let Santa Anita racetrack open for the purpose of running races. Much of the eco-system at Santa Anita requires racing to support it including all of the people who care for the horses.

Racing is currently being run safely without spectators in many other parts of the country where stringent safety protocols have been implemented. Those same safety protocols and procedures are currently being used at Santa Anita without incident. There is very little difference from what is required for morning training and the overall welfare of the horses to racing in the afternoon. Racing revenue is critical to support the overall existence of literally thousands of individuals in southern California. Additionally, racing would provide a huge morale boost and entertainment to numerous fans not only in southern California but throughout the country.

Just across the street from Santa Anita the LA Arboretum is open and operating with patrons, Santa Anita is able to conduct racing safely as well.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,  
Jeffrey Bloom



**Jeffrey Bloom**  
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**From:** [Y Miranda](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re-instate Live Hose Raceing at Santa Anita Raceway  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:59:26 PM

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To the Honorary Board of Supervisors' of Los Angeles County.  
I urge that the Board to re-instate Live Hose Racing at Santa Anita Raceway.  
By allow the Hose Racing to resume it will keep the hose trainers, care takers and other affiliated within the Santa Anita Raceway family to maintain an all important "normalcy" with is needed for many within the state. I understand keeping the grand stand closed for now. But allowing the hose racing to resume would be a step back a sense of "normal" with is very important to the residents of Los Angeles County and the State.

Thank you for your time.  
Y. Miranda

**From:** [Jeannie Malone](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Track - please allow racing to resume  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:58:32 PM

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Santa Anita Race Track - please allow racing to resume  
More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing their income, their home, their healthcare, and their way of life without the financial support that live racing provides. Many programs are directly funded by the money taken in, allowing aftercare for horses, healthcare for humans, and many other fundamental necessities. Let us advocate for the many who care for our horses each and every day.

Please allow this track to Open!

Respectfully,  
*Jeannie Malone*  
[jeanniemalone222@gmail.com](mailto:jeanniemalone222@gmail.com)  
619-607-5300



**From:** [carol potenza](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Restore Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:58:27 PM

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Please consider restoration of live racing immediately. The lives of the horses and all the people of the industry hang in the balance . Additionally these are activities that make a substantial contribution to the economy and support many ancillary businesses.

It appears that there is a grudge against the horse racing industry in your locality as other less safe activities are currently permitted.

Please do the right thing before it is too late and irreversible damage is done to the California horse racing industry.  
Thank you for considering my request.

Carol Potenza

**From:** [Brian Ratner](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 19. Safely Reopening L.A. County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:57:20 PM

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in regard to Agenda Item 19 for tomorrow's meeting.

I respectfully request that you allow Santa Anita racetrack to begin racing without spectators as soon as practicable. The racing community is a closed system with many members having nowhere else to go for either housing or employment. Most workers need to be on site full time in order to take care of the thousand plus animals on the grounds. Without live racing, there isn't any income source to support these workers and their families. Many of the workers live on track and don't have an opportunity for either employment or housing elsewhere. Many of these folks are also outside of the normal economy and may not be aware as to how to obtain unemployment if their jobs are terminated.

Santa Anita was running without spectators before being closed by order of the County Health Department. Strict safety protocols were taken to insure protection from the Coronavirus. It is my understanding that there were no reported cases on track during this time.

Please allow racing to resume in order to allow those involved to earn a livelihood. I also understand that the Stronach Group, the owner of Santa Anita, has pledged that any profits earned during this time will be used to support those in need from the Coronavirus.

Sincerely,

Brian J. Ratner  
3755 Spring Valley Road  
Boulder, Colorado  
(214)208-6378

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Derek Oishi](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 Meeting Agenda Items 14, 19, 20; Open Santa Anita for Live Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:57:18 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

This email is for the April 28, 2020 meeting to address Agenda Item 14: Worker Protections, Agenda Item 19 Safety Reopening LA County, Agenda Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

Please resume "spectatorless" live racing at Santa Anita. Live racing provides financial support to the 750 back stretch workers that live at Santa Anita. Without live racing, they risk losing income, housing, and healthcare. Live racing is essential for the people to live and work at Santa Anita so they can take care of the horses that also live at the track.

The back stretch workers live in a small community. There have been ZERO reports of positive Covid-19 infections at Santa Anita and live racing at Los Alamitos in Orange County has continued unabated with ZERO reports of Covid-19.

If you care for the thousands of horses that live at Santa Anita, and the back stretch workers that care for the horses, please resume live racing at Santa Anita.

Sincerely,

Derek Oishi

**From:** [Lourdes Abellera](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** comments for April 28, 2020 meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:56:07 PM

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Dear Sir or Madam,

The following are my comments for the April 28, 2020 meeting. I advocate for Santa Anita Park to resume "spectatorless" live racing and my comments below support this stand.

**Item 14- Worker Protections**

Resuming live racing at Santa Anita Park protects horse racing industry workers (grooms, jockeys, trainers, etc.) from losing their jobs. These workers, if allowed to continue with live racing, do not need to be the beneficiaries of welfare resources from the government. In addition, the workers care for and protect the horses. There are other animals in the barns that workers take care of (goats, cats, dogs).

**Item 19- Safely Reopening LA County and**

**Item 20- LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery**

With strict safety measures implemented, Santa Anita Park can safely reopen. Japanese racetracks, for example, continue to race without fans, with safe practices. Wagering happens online. It provides revenue to the industry and some form of normalcy to thousands of fans who are in quarantine. I myself continue to watch races online as a way to cope with anxiety during this time of pandemic.

I am hoping that you will have a favorable response to the proposal submitted by Santa Anita Park. I miss the races and watching the morning work-outs. They are a beautiful sight, if you have not seen it.

Sincerely,  
Lourdes V. Abellera, Ph.D.

**From:** [CL Tutor](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Meeting of 4/28/20 - "Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County"  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:55:28 PM

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To: Supervisors Solis, Ridley-Thomas, Kuehl, Hahn, and Barger  
From: Gayle Finch

I am a public school Science teacher with 30 years of teaching experience. I am also a horse owner. I have been a racehorse owner on and off for a good part of those 30 years. I have owned one horse at a time because that was all I could afford. It has been the fulfillment of a life-long dream. I also have experienced the sport of horse racing in many different ways.

As a child, I lived within walking distance of the Del Mar Racetrack. I spend many mornings as a child marveling at the beauty of the magnificent animals and even then could see the joy and competitive spirit displayed by the animals as they exercised on the track.

After graduating from high school, I worked in the Executive Offices as an office aide and was able to observe that aspect of the racing world. During college, I worked as a hot-walker who tends to the horses after they come back from their morning exercise, as an EMT at the Del Mar Racetrack caring for employees and patrons of the races, and as a farm hand at a broodmare and layup farm. Each experience gave me a different perspective of the sport. From those perspectives, I came away with one overarching understanding: the vast majority of people involved in racing have a passion for the sport and a VERY deep love for the horses. I've seen hardened men cry at the loss of a horse. It is most definitely not an industry that abuses the animals. The animals are treated with the finest care I've ever seen. I myself have spent \$6,000 on a one-week stay at a vet clinic for my horse when he had pneumonia. That was a significant amount for a single person on a teacher's salary but I was happy to do it because my horse comes first.

I ask that you visit a farm and witness the yearlings conducting mock races between themselves on an early morning. They don't run and try to beat each other because someone is hitting them with a whip or chasing them in the field, they compete with each other because it's in their blood; it's what they have been bred for generations to do. Just like certain dog breeds are bred to be good police dogs and other dog breeds are bred to be good hunting dogs, thoroughbred horses are bred to run.

There is a misunderstanding about the risks to horses at the track. Some people interpret the statistics to show a high mortality rate at racing tracks. The statistics actually show a low mortality rate. There are over 1,500 horses stabled at Santa Anita. Let's say 1,000 exercise 6 mornings per week, although it's probably a higher number than that. That means 6,000 horses exercise every week. In the 17 weeks of 2020, there have been horses exercising at Santa Anita over 102,000 times. Out of that 102,000 there have been a total of 22 deaths. That is 0.0002 % which, as a Science teacher, is a remarkably small fraction.

The only horse I've ever had die was in his stall at night at a friend's house. My friends who have horses for pleasure have had horses die at home for a variety of reasons. One time it was a twisted intestine, two different horses owned by two different people broke their leg in their corral, one time a miniature pony that was under 6 years old was found dead in his corral standing near the gate. Sadly it happens in all horse environments, not just at the racetrack.

I'm certain that there are ways to safely resume the race meet at Santa Anita that keep all employees safe as well as keeping the horses safe. It is a sport that continues to gain popularity as it's the only sport currently available to fans via broadcasts. Adding Santa Anita to the list of tracks currently holding races would generate revenue for the city, provide added employment in a time when jobs are especially crucial, and give the public a form of entertainment in these unusual times.

Please make a decision that would be beneficial in so many ways, please make a decision to resume racing at Santa Anita.

Thank you.  
Gayle Finch

**From:** [Forrest Story](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:54:51 PM

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This is to support the resumption of racing at Santa Anita Park. I am aware as we all are of the health risks related to Covid 19. What has been cruel about this process is leaving those whose livelihood depends on racing in limbo, creating more worry and hardship.

For a Member of the Board to be directing health decisions is rather lame. Especially when the closure of racing was political and not for health. I realize County governments are like sleepy planets and it takes awhile to make decisions. I think at least keeping people informed and being truthful is not too much to ask.

If your going to keep the track closed, don't string people along. And make it a Health Department decision, not one to score political points for a Board Member.

Please resume racing.

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*Forrest Story  
Public Sector Excellence  
(562) 997-3901*

**From:** [Jo Anne Disney](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Board Meeting Agenda Item#s 14, 19, 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:54:34 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I hope during the meeting you will accept Santa Anita's 12-page proposal to reopen non-spectator racing immediately. This is for the sake of the 750+ workers and the 1,700 thoroughbreds. The 10 to 12 jockeys do not pose a virus threat. The fact that you are already allowing 1,300 different visitors into the L.A. County Arboretum everyday across the street from Santa Anita, When I drive by Arboretum, I have seen people having picnics on the front lawns, no masks and no social distancing. The parking lot is packed.

I don't understand why racing is open internationally and at home but not at Santa Anita. I am a local resident and Santa Anita does not pose a threat to the health and safety of local residents and so I am not at all worried about them reopening.

Please reconsider your decision and allow Santa Anita to care for their horses and let their caregivers be able to not only care for the horses, but to survive financially during this very stressful time. Think of the welfare of defenseless horses and keep them healthy by allowing non-spectator racing.

Sincerely,

Jo Anne Disney  
Temple City, CA

**From:** [AD](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** For Tuesday's Board of Supervisors Meeting 4/28  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:54:13 PM  
**Attachments:** [Star News front page 04092020.docx](#)  
[SA-Protocols-4-16-Final-5.pdf](#)

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Dear Board of Supervisors-

I am writing to you in regarding items 14, 19, & 20 on your agenda for your 4/28 meeting.

When the LA County Board of Health abruptly stopped non-spectator live racing at Santa Anita on March 27, the careers of two groups were put in jeopardy- the backstretch workers and the Thoroughbred athletes they care for 24/7. I'm attaching the front page story on this situation which appeared in the Pasadena Star News on April 9, in case you didn't have an opportunity to see it.

Like all domesticated animals, Thoroughbreds need daily care. That is provided by the backstretch workers who live on-site. The incomes and health benefits for these workers and their families are directly tied to the purses associated with live racing. The daily care of the horses is funded by owners who rely on the purses for income. Without racing competitions, there are no purses. As a result, these workers' jobs plus the horses' fate are both in jeopardy.

Having reviewed the attached 12 page protocol proposal that was submitted to Supervisor Barger, Dr. Ferrer, and Ms. Hamai by Santa Anita at their meeting on April 16, it appears re-opening live racing should be able to be authorized by the Board of Supervisors this Tuesday (4/28). No cases of COVID-19 have been detected at Santa Anita and they plan to keep it that way, including by fully funding a County Health Officer to monitor all activity and housing jockeys, assistant starters and essential grooms in an area completely separate from the backstretch, thus protecting both communities of workers. Given that the Arboretum, located across the street from Santa Anita, has been allowed during this pandemic to welcome 1300 members of the public every day without having to house workers on-site, surely Santa Anita can offer non-spectator racing under their proposed extremely strict protocols.

Here is a short video about a woman who works with the Jockey Club to let the backstretch workers know (before social distancing was put in place) that they and their families are valued members of society. I hope you will watch it- she truly cares about these people and we should care about them and the Thoroughbreds, too:

<https://twitter.com/IamHorseRacing/status/1253755758522613762>

Thank you for your consideration and please stay well,  
A. Downhower  
Arcadia

## ARCADIA

### STUCK IN THE BACKSTRETCH

At Santa Anita racetrack, coronavirus cuts off horse caretakers from outside world

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More than 750 backstretch workers at Santa Anita racetrack now live and work in isolation, largely cut off from the outside world and increasingly from each other to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

They sleep in worn dormitories, sometimes in pairs, tucked among the racetrack's barns. New restrictions bar visitors, and even horse owners, from entering the historic grounds at the foot of the San Gabriel Mountains.

And though nothing prevents these workers who care for the horses at the 320-acre Arcadia park from leaving, many do not have cars or licenses. Even if they did, there's really nowhere to go amid the pandemic.

There is a sense of anxiety in the community, according to those who work and live at Santa Anita. Like everywhere else, their fears are primarily about the coronavirus, though there's increasing worry about the future of their jobs as well.

Rafael Gonzalez, a 61-year-old groom, is burying himself in his work. He begins tending to the horses shortly before 4 a.m. on most days.

He is optimistic the restrictions will lift in time for him to visit his mother and family near Guadalajara this summer.

"I'm working every day now," Gonzalez said. "Six weeks, two months, it'll be OK. If nothing happens by that time, I think everything will be OK."

Currently, the track requires a 14-day quarantine for anyone who has left the state, making travel particularly out of the country nearly impossible for the low-paid stable hands.

No cases of COVID-19, the disease caused by the new coronavirus, have been reported at Santa Anita, which ceased racing last month, though there isn't any proactive testing either. A health clinic, funded by wagering, is open to employees, and executives say they can quarantine people if anyone does present with symptoms.

In an interview, Gonzalez said the track is quiet after the workday ends. He often only sees security officers on their patrols, he said. Gone are the familystyle meals, poker games and music that the workers bonded over.



**TOP:** Rogelio Rivera, a hot walker for trainer Michael McCarthy, works at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia on Friday. Many of the workers at Santa Ana racetrack now live and work in isolation to stay safe from the new coronavirus.

**ABOVE:** John Dale, an assistant to trainer George Papaprodromou, works with a horse at the track on Friday.

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He doesn't see other grooms, hot walkers and exercise riders socializing outside the dormitories anymore. The rec room is closed. Televisions throughout the track, where the workers gathered to cheer on horse races and soccer, have been turned off and the chairs removed.

"I come and sleep as soon as I can," Gonzalez said. "Everybody is inside. There's no place to go, no one to see, no one to talk to."

The workers rely on food deliveries, an on-site sundry shop and a cafeteria that stops serving food at 4 p.m. for most of their meals. Perishable foods were rounded up and given to the workers who live on-site when the track closed to the public, according to The Stronach Group, which owns the racetrack.

Gonzalez said he typically only travels outside of the track to go to the market to buy cat food now.

The backstretch workers and trainers interviewed for this story say they feel safe at Santa Anita. Newly added hand-washing stations are numerous enough to trip over, according to one trainer. Employees wear masks as they work, and signs warn to practice social distancing.

"It is very strict now," Gonzalez said. "Everybody cleans their hands when they do anything."

The racetrack is strictly controlling access to the backstretch. Outsiders can't bring their horses to the stables anymore; instead, an employee is sent to collect each animal. Horses cannot carry the coronavirus, officials stressed.

The company declined to let a reporter inspect track protocols in person.

### **Together, but distant**

Jayro Lopez started working at Santa Anita as a teenager during his summer breaks, a trend that continues now as he attends Cal State Long Beach. His father, Dagoberto Lopez, has worked in the industry for 35 years. It's the only job he's had since migrating from Mexico.

Workers with families must live off-site, the younger Lopez said, so his father commutes to Santa Anita from the South Bay daily. The work hasn't changed, besides the increased hand washing, but the mood certainly has, Lopez said.

High-fives, fist bumps and hugs have been replaced with distant waves. Lopez said his father has nightmares about getting sick.

"The only people they interact with are the people like them who are literally there 24/7," Lopez said. "They're very connected between themselves and kind of isolated from everyone else."

Santa Anita's restrictions started before the stay-at-home orders went out in California. The Stronach Group closed the venue to the public March 12, the day after the NBA suspended its season, but continued to host live races to empty grandstands until March 27, when the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health ordered the track to shut down.

Several horsemen said they were told a complaint from an animal rights activist triggered the county's decision, but county officials would not confirm this.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Kathryn Barger, whose district includes Santa Anita, declined to comment, instead deferring to the health department. A department spokesman would not answer questions about the decision.

"All the employees are able to continue with their care of the horses, including training," the spokesman said. "Racing is not an essential activity, so the track is not able to hold live racing at this time."

The company's executives argue racing should be allowed to continue because the employees deemed essential to care for the horses, such as Gonzalez, would also run the competitions. They've offered to build a segregated area for jockeys and other employees that wouldn't otherwise be at the racetrack already.

"We have the ability with very little extra risk to continue operating economically while ensuring the health and well-being of the horses," said Aidan Butler, the head of The Stronach Group's California Racing Operations. "We're soon not going to be able to carry on the training, unless we can keep the economic engine going. The second that dries up, we're all going to be in trouble."

At Santa Anita, there's about one person working in the backstretch for every two horses in the stables, according to John Shirreffs, the trainer of Hall of Fame horse Zenyatta. Santa Anita is currently home to about 1,700 horses.

### **Lobbying to reopen**

Without income from racing, horse owners may opt sell their horses or ship them off to another state and then slash their staffs. The horse caretakers may decide to pack up and leave if the trainers can no longer pay them.

"To meet the cost of labor, we need the income the purses generate," Shirreffs said. "It's a very fragile business. If it goes on too long, people will have to start laying off employees, which they will probably hate to do, but it will be the only thing they'll be able to do."

In an open letter April 3, Belinda Stronach, the president of The Stronach Group, urged county leaders to reconsider the shutdown, warning that a stop to racing and wagering could lead to a "unnecessary humanitarian and animal care crisis on top of what we are all already dealing with."

"Simply put, by ceasing live racing operations we are jeopardizing the income stream for backstretch employees and the financial resources required to provide them and the horses they love with the care they both deserve," Stronach wrote.

"For our 750 backstretch employees, the live racing element of the ecosystem allows Santa Anita Park to provide safe and secure housing, enables the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation to offer critical health care services at the on-site medical clinic and ensures that backstretch employees have access to no-cost critical support services."

The concerns wrought by the coronavirus follow on the heels of a difficult past two years for the horse racing industry in California. Dozens of equine fatalities at Santa Anita last year forced The Stronach Group, and other tracks throughout the state, to make significant reforms, including stricter limitations on medications and the number of horses on the track. Santa Anita implemented a bonus system this year to try to draw owners and trainers back.

There are now talks of potentially moving racing dates from Santa Anita to the Los Alamitos racetrack, which has not been ordered to stop racing by the Orange County Health Department. The California Horse Racing Board would have to approve such a deal.

The uncertainty is nervewracking for the employees living at Santa Anita, according to Jayro Lopez.

"A lot of the worries I heard when I was there this past weekend, they were afraid of the track being shut down, of trainers moving to other states, of them not having anywhere to work, or anywhere to stay," he said.

Many do not have skills that are transferable to other jobs, he said.

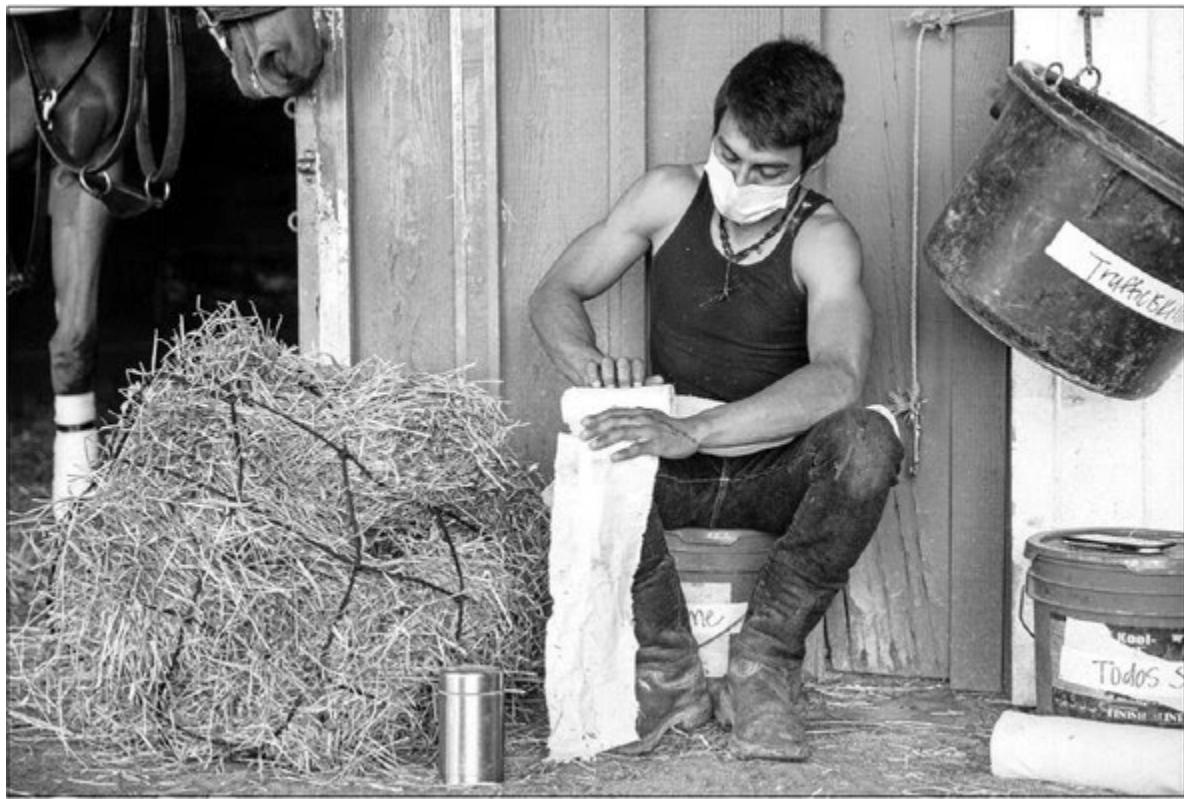
"A lot of families don't have the opportunity where they have someone else providing income," he said. "The racetrack is the only source of income that they have."

Oscar de la Torre, an advocate for Santa Anita's backstretch workers, said Los Angeles County should send someone to assess Santa Anita's protocols, and, if deemed safe, it should allow racing to resume.

Other economically beneficial work, such as construction of the NFL stadium in Inglewood, continues without the same scrutiny, despite having a positive COVID-19 case.

The shutdown of Santa Anita feels political, he said.

"If they lose their houses, and they lose their jobs, and they lose their medical benefits, you're going to have more than 750 people out in Los Angeles County struggling," he said. "They can't just go and get another job. These people don't get it."



Erick Martinez, a groom for trainer Jeff Metz, works on Friday at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia.

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April 16, 2020

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Dear Supervisor Barger, Dr. Ferrer and Ms. Hamai,

We appreciate and respect that you have an incredible responsibility to safeguard all citizens of Los Angeles County during this unprecedented public health crisis. We also greatly appreciate your willingness to review our proposal for safe live racing to resume at Santa Anita Park within a self-contained community.

On March 12<sup>th</sup>, we voluntarily closed Santa Anita Park to the public, a full week prior to the issuance of the Los Angeles County mandate against public gatherings, and have since been operating under stringent measures to maintain social distancing and limit exposure to COVID-19 while continuing to protect the welfare of our personnel and the horses we love. In addition to the numerous and extensive protocols that we have already put in place and in direct response to your concerns related to the movement of the jockeys involved in training and racing at Santa Anita Park, **we have added a protocol requiring all jockeys involved in training or racing to relocate to onsite housing and live within this self-contained community.** This relocation protocol will go one step further by adding a requirement for an independent, third-party Los Angeles County Health Officer to provide supervision and monitoring, paid for by Santa Anita Park.

We invite you to review the attached document that outlines our extensive operating protocols and details procedures for the resumption of safe live racing in compliance with the Los Angeles County's public gatherings order. This document has been created in collaboration with infectious disease expert, current member of Stanford University's COVID-19 task force and Medical Director at Golden Gate Fields, Dr. David Seftel, MD, MBA. We are confident that our measures address our ability to maintain all social distancing requirements to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 while maintaining the highest possible level of human and horse safety.

The following represent key considerations and rationale to support our request for the resumption of safe live racing:

1. **SANTA ANITA PARK WILL REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC:** Santa Anita Park will continue to be closed to the public and will operate in compliance with all public gathering mandates.
2. **SANTA ANITA PARK IS A SELF-CONTAINED COMMUNITY:** In addition to the essential personnel who are already living onsite, we will relocate jockeys, starting gate crew and racing officials, to onsite housing. All of whom will be required to adhere to all health and safety measures. Our residential community is secure, tightly controlled and under the supervision of California State Inspectors in Arcadia.
3. **SAFE LIVE RACING CAN SAFEGUARD AGAINST A HUMANITARIAN AND HORSE WELFARE CRISIS:** The continued suspension of safe live racing will soon create an unintended crisis for the horses and those who care for them. Safe live racing, even without customers at our venue during this time, and the income that comes from live racing, is an essential part of the ecosystem of horseracing. Without live racing, there is no income stream for trainers, backstretch employees and jockeys or the necessary financial resources required to look after the horses in their care. Los Angeles is already facing a housing shortage as homelessness surges due to COVID-19. The consequences of a continued suspension of live racing may lead some of our nearly 750 backstretch personnel to leave their home at Santa Anita Park, not because they want to, but because they have no other choice in order to make a living. To add, finding alternative adequate care and shelter for horses will be a monumental challenge.
4. **SAFE LIVE RACING PROVIDES HEALTHCARE AND SUPPORT SERVICES:** The live racing element of the ecosystem enables the California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation to offer critical, no-cost, onsite health care and other support services to our backstretch personnel, the vast majority of whom are uninsured. If live racing continues to be suspended, free healthcare services will end due to lack of funding leaving a serious and potentially life altering void during a health pandemic.
5. **RACING AND TRAINING PERSONNEL ARE ONE IN THE SAME:** The majority of essential personnel who work in the morning for training and who are responsible for daily care are also those who work in the afternoon to conduct live racing. A fact that demonstrates that we have the ability to operate safe live racing without the volume of additional personnel.
6. **SANTA ANITA PARK OPERATES OVER 320 ACRES:** Santa Anita Park is a large, open space uniquely positioned to operate over vast acreage enabling us to adhere social distancing requirements. Over our 320 acres and more than one million square feet of grandstand space, we have been able to make critical adjustments that provide our essential personnel with the personal space they need to stay safe and the horses we love with the space for the exercise and care they require and deserve. Unlike the Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanic Gardens, which remains open across the street, our community has effectively been sheltered-in-place by design and is able to provide the required physical distancing space.
7. **SANTA ANITA PARK'S PROTOCOLS ARE INDUSTRY LEADING:** It is important to note that Los Alamitos Race Association, located in Orange County, was given permission by that County to continue racing without spectators. That permission was granted thanks to the implementation of the precautions created and instituted by Santa Anita Park. The protocols presented and adopted by Los Alamitos were developed by and directly lifted from the Santa Anita Park protocols.

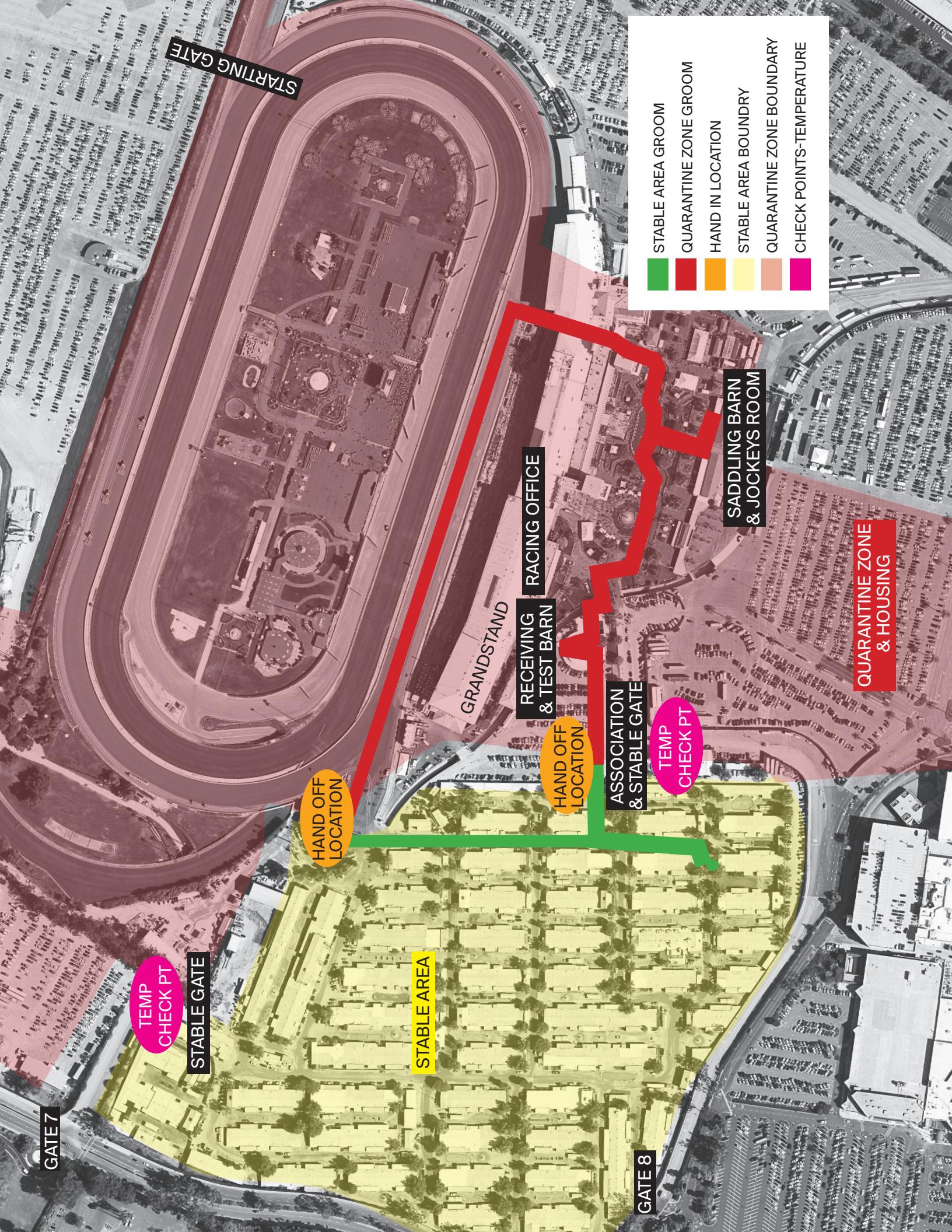
To be clear, Santa Anita Park understand and will always strive for compliance with government orders. We will continue to do everything within our power to protect the health and safety of our essential personnel and the horses they care for. We have the ability to limit exposure per health and governmental recommendations, while continuing to support an industry that impacts hundreds of thousands of people, their livelihoods, and the horses we all love. We are asking for the ability to continue to care for our people and horses during this public health crisis, without negatively impacting the surrounding community.

Thank you for your incredible service to Los Angeles County and for your thoughtful review of our request to resume safe live racing. I look forward to discussing matters with you further. Please contact me anytime on my mobile at 212-444-2987 or by email at [Aidan.Butler@stronachgroup.com](mailto:Aidan.Butler@stronachgroup.com).

Sincerely,



Aidan Butler  
Executive Director, California Racing Operations  
The Stronach Group





## **Santa Anita Park COVID-19 Protocols**

**April 16, 2020**

At Santa Anita Park, the health, safety and welfare of every person and every horse in our community is our top priority.

We strive to be in compliance with all government and local health orders regarding social distancing and are following all recommended CDC precautions and safeguards to ensure the health and safety of the limited number of essential racing personnel required to operate racing without fans.

The horse racing industry is unique in several respects and now, perhaps more than ever in these difficult times, we must be mindful of our responsibility to prioritize the safety and well-being of the horses and those who care for them.

We can limit exposure per health and governmental regulations while continuing to support our industry.

**The following protocols are in force at Santa Anita Park.**

**Controlled Access Areas and Documentation for Racing:**

**Restricted Facility Access**

- 1) **Quarantine Zone (for all Essential Personnel outside of the stable gate):**
  - **Any personnel who could come in close contact with another person will be housed on the grounds in a Quarantine Zone. This will include Jockeys, Assistant Starters and Essential Grooms**
    - Individual, temporary housing located in the South Parking Lot, secured with fencing and security
    - Personnel will be logged in and out of housing enclosure and temperatures will be monitored upon entrance and egress
- 2) **Racing Office:**
  - Jockey agents are not permitted onsite at any time
  - Entries for all races will be taken by telephone only
  - Post-position draws will be conducted via teleconference only
  - All racing officials in the racing office must wear masks
  - Racing office officials must adhere to social distancing requirements by providing each individual with the required six feet of space
  - Official chart caller will be permitted to use their designated office space only

3) Grandstand/Walking Ring/Winners Circle/Press Box:

- Grandstand has been closed to the public since March 12
- Non-essential personnel will not be permitted to enter the facility
  - Non-essential personnel include all public service employees (e.g., food service, wagering tellers, ushers, admission staff, etc.)
  - To limit outside exposure, no owners, media or fans will be allowed at the track at any time
  - No guests, no exceptions
- Security will be present at Grandstand entrances to sign in and grant access to essential personnel only
- Hand sanitization available at all Grandstand entrances
- All public areas of the Grandstand closed for morning workouts and no private clockers are allowed on site
- The following spaces have been closed and will not be in use for any purpose:
  - Walking Ring
  - Winners Circle; includes temporary suspension of all Winners Circle ceremonies and photo opportunities
  - Press Box

4) Receiving Barn:

- **Horses will be handed off to Grooms / Attendants at the stable entrance at the Hand In location prior to the horse entering the Quarantine Zone**
  - All grooms will have their temperatures taken prior to entering the Hand In location
  - Horse will be received by a Groom who has been housed in the Quarantine Zone
  - All equipment accompanying the horse must be able to be disinfected prior to entering the Saddling Paddock
  - All grooms / attendants will be wearing gloves and bridles will be wiped down at points at points of hand contact

5) Saddling Barn:

- **Only those essential personnel licensed by the California Horse Racing Board who have horses entered on race day will be permitted on the track in the afternoon**
  - Essential personnel include racing officials, safety staff, ambulance drivers, track maintenance crew and specialized janitorial staff
- No congregating in the saddling barn
- All horses will be saddled in the saddling barn and will be walked out of the saddling barn onto the walking ring to meet their jockeys
- Horses will be saddled in two groups keeping a minimum of ten feet of space between them - meaning that every other stall in the saddling area will be empty
- Jockeys will mount their horses outside of the saddling barn in the walking ring and will proceed directly to the racetrack for the post parade and warm up
- **Saddling barn will be disinfected with a bleach solution between each race**

6) Jockeys' Room and Jockeys' Room Protocols:

- **All jockeys will have their temperatures tested daily prior to entry**
  - Any jockey showing signs of illness will be denied access to the premises
- Only jockeys scheduled to ride in races will be permitted entry to the Jockeys' Room
- The jockeys' quarters are off limits to all except for the jockeys
  - Additional jockeys' quarters have been added to allow for proper social distancing reflecting the required minimum of six feet
  - Jockeys will maintain their own riding equipment
  - Sauna in the jockeys' quarters is closed
- All jockeys will be required to wear gloves; including during races
- Jockeys who choose to leave the state to ride at other racetracks will not be permitted to ride at Santa Anita Park - no exceptions

Additional Protocols During Live Racing

1) Essential Grooms:

- All grooms will be required to wear protective eyewear, masks and gloves when escorting horses to the racetrack

2) Essential On-Track Personnel:

- All pony riders on the track will be required to wear masks and gloves
- All gate personnel will be required to wear masks and gloves
- All starting gates will be disinfected between races
- All gate crew will be required to wear protective eyewear, masks and gloves and will have no physical contact between them

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

1) The following PPE is being installed and utilized at Santa Anita Park:

- Masks must be worn by all personnel onsite
- Protective eyewear and gloves for essential employees
- Temperature Monitoring Stations at all check points
  - Provides a fast assessment without personal contact
  - Thermal temperature stations will be set up at backstretch security entrance points, Grandstand entrance points and Jockeys' quarters

Controlled Access Areas and Documentation for Training:

Restricted Facility Access

1) Backstretch and Stable Areas:

A) Access:

- **Symons Ambulance will be present at the stable gate entrance each morning and will administer temperature testing for all personnel prior to entry**
- Masks must be worn by all personnel onsite, including the stable area and racetrack during morning training
- Only trainers with horses presently stabled at Santa Anita Park and essential personnel licensed by the state who are responsible for the care of the horses (veterinarians, grooms, exercise riders, farriers, etc.) will be permitted access to the backstretch and stable areas
- **Only horses racing and shipping from in-state training centers and who are accompanied by essential, licensed personnel will be allowed on to enter the stable gate**
  - Horse transportation into the stable area is permitted only from 5:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. daily
  - Only in-state horse transportation drivers are permitted to enter the facility
    - All drivers will be required to have their temperatures taken prior to entry
    - Additional transportation personnel will not be permitted to enter
  - No out-of-state horses or their accompanying personnel are permitted to enter the facility
- A stable area curfew is in force between 9:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m.
  - No entries into the backstretch will be permitted between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:30 a.m. unless it is an emergency
  - Veterinarians attending to emergencies are required to go through all applicable security protocols prior to entry
- No jockeys will be permitted on the backstretch
- Security personnel will retain a log of all personnel who enter and exit the backstretch - recording name, date and time of entry and exit
- All security personnel will be required to wear masks and gloves
- Security vehicles will be limited to two security personnel per vehicle
- All essential employees will be educated on the proper removal of masks and gloves and will receive regular protocol updates

B) Track Kitchen:

- The track kitchen will remain open for take-out service for essential personnel only
- Six-foot social distancing spacing lines have been set up in the track kitchen
- Dedicated security for the track kitchen will be present to ensure that essential personnel respect required social distancing protocols

C) Veterinarians & Trainers – Stable Protocols (complete veterinary protocol attached as Appendix 1):

- Santa Anita Park employed veterinarians will be required to wear masks and gloves for all horse inspections
- Each barn will be required to designate one point of contact to interact with their veterinarian
- Veterinarians will be required to follow strict handwashing and hand sanitization protocols between barns and examinations
- Trainers will be limited to essential personnel only in their designated barns
- Only one person will be permitted in the tack rooms and/or offices at any given time
  - Tack rooms and offices will be sanitized after individual use
- Tack and barn equipment will be assigned to specific personnel only
- All tack and barn equipment will be sanitized daily
  - Tack and barn equipment will not be stored with other equipment until it has been cleaned and sanitized

D) Other:

- Portable water stations have been installed throughout the facility and will be sanitized regularly
- Disposable and portable hand sanitizers have been installed throughout the property and will be sanitized regularly
- All SAP facilities will be subject to enhanced cleaning and sanitization protocols



## **Santa Anita Park Standard Operating Procedures for Human Infectious Disease Control**

**April 16, 2020**

**TITLE:** Standard Operating Procedures for Human Infectious Disease Control

**AUTHOR:** Dr. Dionne Benson, DVM, JD

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 23, 2020

**SOP NUMBER:** VE-008

**REVISION NUMBER:** 00

### **1. PURPOSE**

The Stronach Group (“TSG”) Veterinary Team’s role as Association Veterinarians is to promote horse safety and welfare. This includes protecting the people who care for horses during outbreaks of human infectious diseases.

### **2. SCOPE**

This document covers the best practices and guidelines for minimizing the spread of human infectious disease at TSG tracks during:

1. Examination of horses for training
2. Observation of racing and training, including responding to incidents on the track
3. Furosemide administration
4. Any other interaction with TSG staff, trainers or trainers’ staff

### **3. RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Association Veterinarians are responsible for the following:

1. Minimizing the risk of spread of human infectious diseases in the case of widespread viral outbreaks or pandemics

### **4. PROCEDURES**

1. At all times, the Association Veterinarians should follow current recommended guidelines from the CDC.
2. During visits to the backside, including examinations of working horses, Association Veterinarians should observe the following:
  - a. Wear a face mask and gloves – please note, these should be changed daily and conserved

- b. Maintain a 6-foot distance from trainers and staff whenever possible
  - c. Do not shake hands or come into other physical contact with trainers or staff
  - d. Do not share pens or equipment
  - e. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer between each barn at a minimum
- 3. During observation of training or racing, Association Veterinarians should observe the following:
  - a. Maintain a 6-foot distance from staff and horsemen
  - b. Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
  - c. Do not shake hands or come into other physical contact with staff or horsemen
  - d. Do not share pens or equipment
  - e. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer between each barn at a minimum
- 4. When providing furosemide administration, Association Veterinarians should observe the following:
  - a. Maintain a 6-foot distance from staff and horsemen
  - b. Ask the individual holding the horse to stay on the other side of the horse while furosemide is administered, if possible
  - c. Do not shake hands or come into other physical contact with staff or horsemen
  - d. Do not share pens or equipment – the requirement for signatures from horsemen is suspended. Please write the name of the horsemen’s representative on all necessary documentation
  - e. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer between each barn at a minimum
- 5. If responding to an incident on the track, Association Veterinarians should observe the following:
  - a. Wear a mask and gloves
  - b. Put the care of the horse first, but try to maintain distance from others attending to the scene when possible
  - c. Limit the number of people on the scene to required individuals only
    - i. The use of screens is suspended
    - ii. For most emergencies, the horse ambulance driver, the employee holding the horse and the veterinarian should be sufficient. The veterinarian on the scene can request additional assistance as needed through the outriders
  - d. Only one person should ride in the ambulance with the horse – no grooms or trainers should be in the horse ambulance at any time.
  - e. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer following the incident and interaction with others
- 6. When interacting with other veterinarians or other TSG staff, Association Veterinarians should observe the following:
  - a. Maintain a 6-foot distance whenever possible
  - b. Wear a mask and gloves
  - c. Do not shake hands or come into other physical contact

- d. Cover mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing
- e. Do not share supplies unless necessary and sanitize shared equipment such as radios
- f. Wash hands or use hand sanitizer frequently

7. If an Association Veterinarian feels sick or is displaying symptoms consistent with the current infectious disease, the Association Veterinarian will:

- a. Notify the Chief Veterinary Officer. The CVO will communicate with the appropriate individuals at each track and TSG corporate.
- b. Notify fellow Association Veterinarians
- c. Stay home during duration of symptoms or as mandated by local health authorities and track policy

8. If an Association Veterinarian receives a positive test result or diagnosis of the infectious disease, the Association Veterinarian will:

- a. Notify the Chief Veterinary Officer; the CVO will work with the Association Veterinarian to identify and notify veterinarians, staff or trainers that they have been in contact with or could have been exposed to the virus. The CVO will communicate with the appropriate individuals at each track and TSG corporate.
- b. Self-isolate for 14 days and seek medical care as needed

**From:** [Jody Bruno](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:53:48 PM

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Hello to whom it may concern;

I am writing this in support of horse racing in California. This is not a time to be political this is a time for all of us to come together it doesn't matter if you are a democratic or a republican or an independent. We have enough homeless on the street and we don't need anymore and by you guys have the track closed, there is people heading to the street, losing thousands of jobs because of people are being political if you guys were losing your job it would be a different story. The racetrack has been in quarantine and has had zero cases of covid19, and you guys shut them down. You have the arboretum across the street that is open so it doesn't make any sense. Hopefully you guys make the right choice to reopen.

Code number : 111111

April 28th, 2020

**From:** [Hannah Bloom](#)  
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**Subject:** Racing at Santa Anita  
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Dear LAC Board of Supervisors,

I as a long member of the horse racing community, born and raised in it, am asking that you please let Santa Anita racetrack open and run their races. There is an eco-system at the track that has to be allowed so that people who take care of the horses can make a living. Without it, they have nothing.

Racetracks all over the states are still being run safely without spectators, which is all Santa Anita is asking for. Florida, Nebraska, Arkansas, and as far as Oklahoma is still running daily.

The LA Arboretum is safely operating daily, located directly across the street from Santa Anita, where they would be able to operate safely as well. Please allow these good people to make a living and keep a community alive.

Thank you in advance for listening, and for your consideration.

Hannah Bloom

**From:** [Brad Jarrett](#)  
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Please open Santa Anita as soon as possible. Many lives, human and equine will be in jeopardy if you do not. Other track are providing daily, weeklong and monthly racing can be done safely. Please open Santa Anita as soon as possible. Thank you.

Brad Jarrett  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Pete Beals](#)  
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**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:50:19 PM

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To whom it may concern;

More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing their income, their home, their healthcare, and their way of life without the financial support that live racing provides. Many programs are directly funded by the money taken in, allowing aftercare for horses, healthcare for humans, and many other fundamental necessities.

Please consider voting yes to the plan that Santa Anita Park and The Stronach Group have submitted in hopes of allowing racing to resume both "spectator-less" and with restrictions, taking the necessary precautions to ensure a safe and sustainable situation for all involved.

Thank you,  
Peter Beals  
Beals Racing Stable, LLC

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Alfred Rodriguez <arod52@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:18 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Reopen Santa Anita

Sirs,

There are so many of us in the LA area that depend on racing especially through our care for thoroughbred horses that we need Santa Anita to reopen. This almost makes a difference for some of us between providing for ourselves and families and having to ask local charitable groups for assistance. We would rather take care of ourselves but that is only possible if you bring horse racing back.

PLEASE!

Alfredo

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Jelani Hendrix <jelanih@seiu2015.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:59 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice; Jordan, Dorinne  
**Cc:** April Verrett; Scott Mann  
**Subject:** Public comment  
**Attachments:** Daisy Lopez CNA Statement LA Rehab.BOS.Testimony.docx; LA County BOS Statement.docx; Dolores Solorzano Statement CNA East Terrace.docx

Attached you will find our public comment documents for the LA County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

## Cortez, Katelyn

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**From:** esp3800@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:04 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Notes on BOS meeting April 28, 2020

### General Public Comment:

-----Original Message-----

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Cc: [kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov) <[kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [MarkRidley-thomas@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:MarkRidley-thomas@bos.lacounty.gov) <[MarkRidley-thomas@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:MarkRidley-thomas@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov) <[firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov) <[fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [sheila@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:sheila@bos.lacounty.gov) <[sheila@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:sheila@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [pio@isd.lacounty.gov](mailto:pio@isd.lacounty.gov) <[pio@isd.lacounty.gov](mailto:pio@isd.lacounty.gov)>; [PIO@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:PIO@bos.lacounty.gov) <[PIO@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:PIO@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [czavala@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:czavala@bos.lacounty.gov) <[czavala@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:czavala@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [BKehoe@cio.lacounty.gov](mailto:BKehoe@cio.lacounty.gov) <[BKehoe@cio.lacounty.gov](mailto:BKehoe@cio.lacounty.gov)>; [ted.ross@lacity.org](mailto:ted.ross@lacity.org) <[ted.ross@lacity.org](mailto:ted.ross@lacity.org)>; [tips@latimes.com](mailto:tips@latimes.com) <[tips@latimes.com](mailto:tips@latimes.com)>

Sent: Sun, Apr 26, 2020 11:56 am

Subject: Fwd: LOS ANGELES ALERT Fwd: Brown Act Complaint - Cure and Correct Letter

Hope everyone is feeling well and staying safe. The attorneys deserve your respect, but honestly  
Public integrity cannot be achieved w/out public comment **SOS**

And it's critical. If you read the attached pdf it's one more example... via public comments.

So fire up the mics, ladies and sir. Federal court... over public comment, at this time is unthinkable.

So choose a sustainable narrative. Hint: Public Comment is not negotiable.

Eric Preven

-----Original Message-----

To: [jlacey@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:jlacey@da.lacounty.gov) <[jlacey@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:jlacey@da.lacounty.gov)>  
Cc: [mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov) <[mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov)>; [ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov) <[ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov)>; [jwhitehurst@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:jwhitehurst@counsel.lacounty.gov) <[jwhitehurst@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:jwhitehurst@counsel.lacounty.gov)>; [lhafetz@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:lhafetz@counsel.lacounty.gov) <[lhafetz@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:lhafetz@counsel.lacounty.gov)>; [itolnai@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:itolnai@counsel.lacounty.gov) <[itolnai@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:itolnai@counsel.lacounty.gov)>

Sent: Sun, Apr 26, 2020 11:19 am

Subject: LOS ANGELES ALERT Fwd: Brown Act Complaint - Cure and Correct Letter

Madame District Attorney,

Once again, electing to do NOTHING during this period to protect public integrity of the many confusing and murky  
dealings at LA City Council and LA County BOS is not appropriate.

### What public interest is served by denying public comment?

#### In Oregon...

“Public participation in government decision-making is fundamental to our representative form of  
government,” “While the COVID-19 crisis has changed the way we live, work, and operate, we still must  
ensure that every voice is heard by elected officials and other policymakers and that the critical functions  
of local government can continue unimpeded.”

Governments throughout Oregon are directed to hold public meetings and hearings by telephone, online,  
or through in-person meetings with “appropriate social distancing measures.” It also waives any  
requirements for in-person public testimony **if it can be made by any other means.**

"All government entities are still expected to ensure their processes provide equal access to all Oregonians, and that their processes for virtual public participation **do not impact accessibility**,"

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Governor-Brown-orders-that-Oregon-local-governments-work-to-continue-public-meetings-during-COVID-19-shutdown-569696571.html>

"For a long time, there has been discussion and controversy among council members on the importance of public comment," Nowacki said. While Nowacki acknowledges that many people don't frequently attend public meetings, **one of the many casualties of the COVID-19 virus will be public meetings because officials may see holding virtual meetings as an alternative.**

#### In Washington...

A jurisdiction of about 50,000 with far fewer resources than the great LA County who just poured over \$1.2M to update its telecast equipment package, provide simple instructions:

**How to submit written public comment:** Written public comments may be submitted to [commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com](mailto:commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com) by 9 a.m. on the date of the meeting.

**How to sign up for verbal public comment:** If you wish to make verbal public comments during the meeting, you must sign up in advance by 9 a.m. the day of the meeting by emailing [commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com](mailto:commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com).

Please indicate the method in which you will be giving public comments (computer or phone). Only those persons that **sign up in advance** will be called on to make verbal public comment during the meeting. Individual public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.

While AECOM and many other treasured partners are permitted to continue full steam ahead, the board and council, should be held accountable at public meetings that fulfill the meaning and spirit of public comment. #WashYourHands #NothingAboutUsWithoutUs

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2020-04-24/coronavirus-construction-jobs>

The public understand the Covid issues but hundreds of items have blown past without public comment. Submitting a writing may or may not be a protected right, but Sheila Kuehl the 3rd district supervisor has made it very clear that she feels she is NOT required to listen to public comment.

We take the supervisor at face value, however, if the board does not remedy the situation before Tuesday, and denies the public right to comment, we will consider a judicial remedy.

**ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PLEASE, NOT AGAIN. THIS IS LIKE NOT THE PLACE TO START TALKING TO THAT DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY AFTER I BEGIN. WE HAVE BOARD RULES ABOUT CONDUCT. I'D LIKE ADDED "SUPERVISORS SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO THE PUBLIC."

**MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** EXCUSE ME, SIR. PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

**ERIC PREVEN:** EXCUSE ME, MA'AM. SHE'S SPEAKING TO A DEPUTY DURING THIS EVENT.

**MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

**ERIC PREVEN:** I'M ON TOPIC. OKAY, FINE, YEAH, FAIR ENOUGH.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S HAVE SOME ORDER.

**SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE FIRST AMENDMENT REQUIRES THAT YOU BE ABLE TO SPEAK, NOT THAT WE ARE FORCED TO LISTEN.

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February 2, 2016

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT  
THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



**ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, I WILL LOOK INTO THAT. THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. THE SUPERVISOR IS IN A

Kindly confirm receipt.

Eric Preven  
818-762-7719  
818-645-2616 mobile

-----Original Message-----

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<[publicclearing@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:publicclearing@bos.lacounty.gov)>; Sup Hilda <[firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov)>; Sup Janice <[fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov)>; Sup Kathryn <[kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov)>; Sup Mark <[seconddistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:seconddistrict@bos.lacounty.gov)>; Sup Sheila <[Sheila@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Sheila@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov)  
Cc: [ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov); [fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org](mailto:fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org); Dean Walraff <[dw@aenv.org](mailto:dw@aenv.org)>  
Sent: Wed, Apr 15, 2020 2:12 pm  
Subject: Re: Brown Act Complaint - Cure and Correct Letter

This correspondence was sent to you of April 13th, Monday, at which time we asked for confirmation of receipt of the correspondence. We have received no reply. Would you please acknowledge receipt. Thank you  
Lynne Plambeck

-----Original Message-----

From: SCOPE  
Sent: Apr 13, 2020 9:52 AM  
To: "executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov" , Public Hearing , Sup Hilda , Sup Janice , Sup Kathryn , Sup Mark , Sup Sheila , [mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov)  
Cc: [ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov), [fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org](mailto:fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org), Dean Walraff  
Subject: Brown Act Complaint - Cure and Correct Letter

Please find our Notice of Brown Act Violation/Cure and Correct Demand attached. Please acknowledge its receipt to this email address.

Reply Reply All Forward

#### **19. Safely Reopening Los Angeles County**

**7 days** to develop a plan to engage the business community and our labor partners in any plans to relax restrictions of the Safer at Home directive to allow for adequate input and preparations to re-open under the physical distancing and face-covering public health guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19

**20. A partnership between the public workforce system and employers as they start to rehire, including existing and new options to upskill existing staff; between education, labor, industry, the public workforce system, community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations and business organizations, like chambers of commerce**, to identify worker retraining, apprenticeship opportunities and job placement

-- Crazy! Board has too much on it's plate.

**40-B. Los Angeles County Together: In Service of Our Neighbors Fundraiser?**

-- See unnecessary... Mayor's Fund is already as problematic conflict.

**40 H, Cooling Centers for Los Angeles County Residents Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Hahn: Instruct the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Director of Public Health and other relevant Departments, to ensure ongoing access to cooling centers across the County, with adherence to all provisions of the Health Officer Order. (20-2377) Motion by Supervisor Hahn**

**Thank you. Humane.**

**38. Settlement of the Matter Entitled, Nicholas Rodriguez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled, Nicholas Rodriguez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 632837 in the amount of \$2,000,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.**

**Litigations are costing us more than ever before and Sheila Kuehl doesn't want input.**

**17. Digital Access During the COVID-19 Pandemic Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Hahn: Direct the Chief Executive Officer, the Acting Director of Internal Services and relevant Departments, to report back to the Board in 15 days with a plan to provide access to communities that lack digital connectivity (access to the internet for residents and businesses is necessary to apply for any economic relief programs); and direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Acting Director of Internal Services to work with private partners to increase access to hardware, internet access and digital literacy training for residents and businesses, particularly in unincorporated areas of the County that lack the high-speed, quality internet access at home. (20-2243)**

**This one of the main reasons... the bad virtual meetings you have been holding are not legal.**

**18. Ratifying the Executive Order of the Chair of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Authorizing the County Counsel to Initiate Litigation against the City of Norwalk to Protect People Experiencing Homelessness from COVID-19 and to Prevent Interference with Project Roomkey and Related Programs**

**Initiate a litigation... Judge Carter, get in here!**

**13. Cornucopia Foundation's Malibu Farmers' Market Fee at the Malibu Civic Center Fee Waiver Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Kuehl: Waive the \$175 per-day permit fee and a \$250 per-day cleaning deposit for use of the County-owned parking lot at the Malibu Civic Center, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for the Cornucopia Foundation's farmers' market, to be held each Sunday from January 5, 2020 through June 30, 2020. (20-2290)**

**Tasteful grant.**

**7. Director of Parks and Recreation to execute an amendment to the lease between the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (LAPA) and the County for a one-time transfer of \$180,000 to LAPA for public safety and deferred maintenance projects (Projects)**

**Tasteful absurd upcharge... to mow through even more prop a money. Pension spiking Laura Zucker was a timeless classic.**

**9. Response to the Sheriff's Request to Transfer Funds from Provisional Financing Uses, Lift the Hiring Freeze and Realign Budgeted Revenues**

**Get it together.**

**10. Natural Resources Group, LLC, for an additional duration of two years and with an increase to the existing contract amount not to exceed \$500,000 <http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145360.pdf>**

## **FLASHLIGHT**

23. Public Defender and District Attorney Lease

The total rent and parking amount payable to the Landlord under both of the proposed leases is estimated at \$4,275,000 <http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145308.pdf>

**Waste of resources... shameful parking rates.**

### **5. Ethnic and Hyperlocal Community Outreach**

The workgroup conducted outreach to various publications and Chambers of Commerce, engaging Rick Schwartz {DYER News}, Rosa Berumen (La Opinion), Brandon Brooks (LA Sentinel), and Jessica Duboff {LA County Chamber of Commerce) to identify opportunities to partner together and increase outreach to the vendor community on County solicitations.

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145439.pdf>

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145476.pdf>

**But in general, we do not want to further enrich Danny Bakewell. #BeenThereDoneThat**  
<https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/los-angeles/14210-taste-of-soul-needs-some-soul-searching>

**The government agencies should not be treated like banks and auto dealers. They should allowed to attend to do outreach without enriching one guy.**

-----Original Message-----

From: City Clerk <[Clerk.LSadmin@LACITY.ORG](mailto:Clerk.LSadmin@LACITY.ORG)>

To: CLK\_COUNCILAGENDAS <[CLK\\_COUNCILAGENDAS@LISTSERV.LACITY.ORG](mailto:CLK_COUNCILAGENDAS@LISTSERV.LACITY.ORG)>

Sent: Fri, Jun 28, 2019 4:18 pm

Subject: 07/02/2019 10:00 AM - REVISED - Los Angeles City Council Agenda

TITLE: REVISED - Los Angeles City Council Agenda

DATE: 07/02/2019

TIME: 10:00 AM

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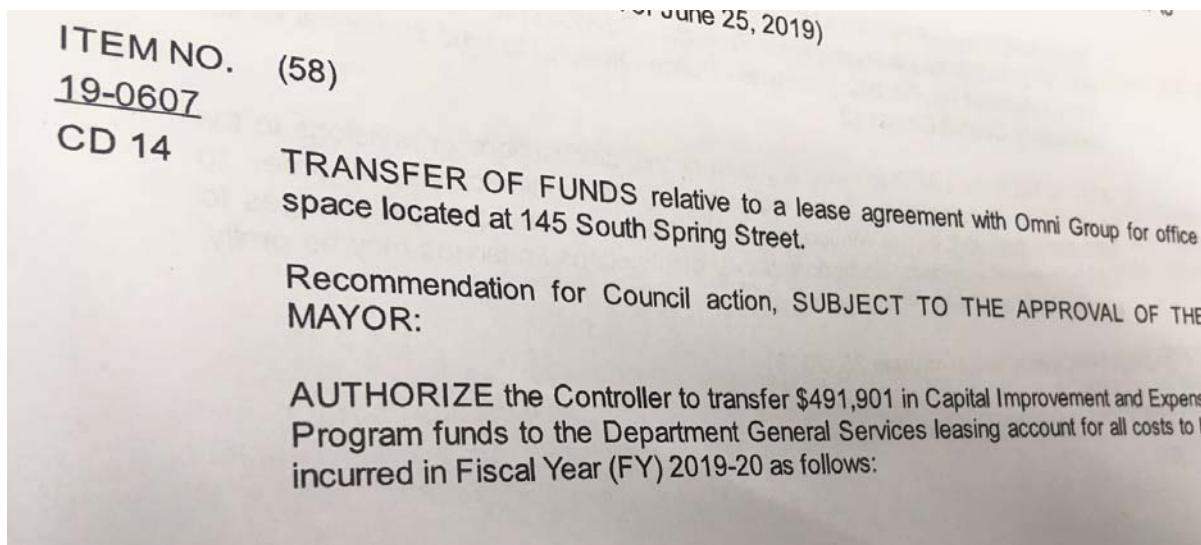
To: holly.wolcott <[holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org)>; jlacey <[jlacey@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:jlacey@da.lacounty.gov)>

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Sent: Fri, Jun 28, 2019 3:01 pm

Subject: Correction Request:

The below erroneous post — the correct name is Onni - may have been intentional. There is evidence of major dirty tricks in Tuesday's 111 item (cluster bunch) agenda. It is very likely Avak in Sharon Tso's office who is responsible for the deceptive ways.



This is a formal invitation to have a district attorney attend the meeting.

Kindly confirm receipt and repost the corrected agenda. Also there are two distinct but similar \$80,000 gifts of public funds to Danny Bakewell's Taste of Soul. Is it also an error? Or just another in a series of errors in judgement.

Not cool at all. And both Lacey and Wesson are in fundraising mode for elections.

Eric Preven

818-762-7719

818-645-2616 mobile

Sent from my iPhone

**Subject: 6) Booth rental at the Taste of Soul**

It's \$1000 for a non food booth -- if you want a tent for sun shade (10x10) it's **\$1200** plus insurance (+/- \$75)

It's \$1500 for food booth -- if you want a tent for sun shade (10x10) it's **\$1700** plus insurance (+/- \$150)

Crenshaw from Stocker to Rodeo .9 mile.

.9 mile = 4752 ft.

316 on one side (15 ft.) \$300,000 - \$470,000

316 on other side (15 ft.) \$300,000 - \$470,000

I assume this great event is well worth it for businesses who choose to rent from Bakewell, but a number of them may do it as a loss leader.

Dunno.

1) \$300,000 in County of LA payments to Taste of Soul since 2015

November 9, 2017 -- LA [Watts Times](#), Coverage of Ridley-Thomas launching new office on Crenshaw (near Sentinel!)

\$100,000 2017

\$100,000 2016

\$100,000 2015

County

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/116512.pdf>

<http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/104733.pdf>

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/98115.pdf>

I cannot believe MRT bought himself a 'self-promotion' package... this is obviously a late in his term 'mad-with-power' move...

<https://lasentinel.net/tag/herb-wesson>

<https://www.lamayor.org/mayor-garcetti-appoints-pamela-bakewell-city-los-angeles-commission-status-women>

Google and Facebook Take Aim at Fake News Sites - The New York Times

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/15/technology/google-will-ban-websites-that-host-fake-news-from-using-its-ad-service.html?action=click&contentCollection=DealBook&module=Trending&version=Full@ion=Marginalia&pgtype=article>

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To: Karen Kolesnikow <[kkfoshay@gmail.com](mailto:kkfoshay@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tue, Nov 21, 2017 3:36 pm

Subject: 2) \$596,000 in City of LA payments to Taste of Soul since 2011

**City of Los Angeles -- \$596,000**

(2011 - 2017)

**City of Los Angeles - - \$40,500**

(2008-2009)

City \$15,000 [?]

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0984-S1\\_mot\\_06-03-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0984-S1_mot_06-03-2016.pdf)

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Sent: Fri, Oct 27, 2017 7:19 am

Subject: Taste of Soul "outside the City payment process" // Re: CA Public Records Act Response

Mr. Galperin,

I would like to take a minute to once again thank staff. Thx, staff.

Curiosity has been rising as to whether the payments of over **\$450,000** since 2012 that were made for the Taste of Soul event were "outside the City payment process", as Mr. McNeely appears to be alleging. (see below links)

Please confirm one way or the other, as the city has significant unmet needs

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1092\\_mot\\_09-26-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1092_mot_09-26-2017.pdf)

McNeely's assessment!

\$11,000 McNeely's catch!

\$240,000 2015, 2016, 2017

+\$210,000 2012, 2013, 2014

**\$461,000 Taste of Soul w/** Mother's in Action

Kudos.

1) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s4\\_mot\\_10-13-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s4_mot_10-13-2017.pdf)

Wow...this link from October 13, 2017 constitutes a contribution of **\$80,000** in city Funding, which is evidently needed to support the efforts of Mothers in Action for this year's Taste of Soul event.

2) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s3\\_mot\\_11-22-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s3_mot_11-22-2016.pdf)

I THEREFORE MOVE that **\$80,000** in the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2016 Taste of Soul event.

3) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-S2\\_mot\\_07-28-2015.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-S2_mot_07-28-2015.pdf)

This effort is of special benefit for the residents of the City and for CD, 8 9 and 10 and deserves financial assistance from the City.

I THEREMOVE MOVE that **\$80,000** in the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2015 Taste of Soul event.

4) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s1\\_mot\\_06-24-2014.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s1_mot_06-24-2014.pdf)

1. That **\$80,000** in the Council District 10 portion of the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2014 Taste of Soul event in Council District 10.

5) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693\\_mot\\_1-8-14\\_0001.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693_mot_1-8-14_0001.pdf)

I FURTHER MOVE that \$18,000 in the Council District 10 portion of the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 [TOTAL **\$65,000**] be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2013 Taste of Soul event in Council District 10

I THEREFORE MOVE that **\$65,000** in the Council District 10 portion of the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2012 Taste of Soul event in Council District 10.

6) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2012/12-0539-S8\\_mot\\_08-03-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2012/12-0539-S8_mot_08-03-2016.pdf)

The attached revised List of Citywide Special Events has been prepared by the CLA with the assistance and cooperation of Council District offices. Sufficient funds have been made available in the Citywide Special Event account, administered by the City Clerk, in support of subsidy requests.

Taste of Soul subsidy **\$5903**

7) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2006/06-2510-s1\\_mot\\_10-1-08.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2006/06-2510-s1_mot_10-1-08.pdf)

The Sentinel News and Mothers in Action are sponsoring the "Taste of Soul October 18, 2008, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Council District Ten has received a request that the City provide certain services and declare this function a Special Event. Approval of this request will mean that an estimated **\$5,903** in fees and salary costs **will be absorbed by the City**. (Event Coordinator: Brenda Marsh-Mitchell- 323/299-3800 and Fax No. 310/410-4924).

Eric Preven

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**From:** Susan Goldsworthy <Susan@nahai.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:26 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Meeting on April 28, 2020 -Agenda Items 14, 19, 20 for Santa Anita Park Live Racing to Resume

Dear LA County Board of Supervisors and Health Department:

Regarding the subject meeting and agenda items numbers, I strongly request that live spectatorless racing be resumed as soon as possible at Santa Anita. The lives of many men, women, and children depend on the income and healthcare benefits generated by the racing. There is no reason to shut it down. This type of racing has been conducted at the major race tracks of Oaklawn, Arkansas, Tampa Bay Downs, Florida, and at Gulfstream Park, Florida throughout the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown without incident. The people who live and work at the track are hardworking, dedicated individuals who take great pride in their work. They are abiding by all safety protocols and should not be penalized when the spectatorless racing endangers no one to the spread of the virus. All the pony riders and workers at the gates wear masks and gloves. No one else is allowed on the track. I am a law-abiding taxpayer, and I think shutting down the racing in the first place was just mean spirited. Los Alamitos has had racing continue. You must let common sense come to your decision. PLEASE. There are more than 750 backstretch workers affected by the shutdown!! This is not a small number!! The California economy needs to get moving again and this would be a good place to start. It would be a great encouragement to people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely and respectfully,

**SUSAN GOLDSWORTHY**

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**From:** Patrick Perez <specializedcurrency@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Meeting of April 28, 2020

I am a resident of the city of Glendora, and I am writing to address agenda items 14, 19, and 20 at the board meeting of 28 April 2020. I am in support of resuming thoroughbred racing at Santa Anita Park, effective immediately. The protocols in place ensure the safe running of racing and the many positive economic impacts it imparts. There is no justifiable reason to further restrict racing at Santa Anita. Thank you.

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Patrick Ian Perez, Editor  
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## Cortez, Katelyn

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**From:** Dean Francois <deanfrancois@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** Supervisor Janice Hahn (Fourth District); ExecutiveOffice; publiccomments@bos.lacounty.gov  
**Cc:** chris@campsurf.com  
**Subject:** item 19 BOS meeting april 28 strengthen orders on the beach and open them up First ahead of anything else

please have this entered into the agenda for the meeting. including my other correspondence, including from chris brown, president of the CBVA, and the activists for responsible beach activities and the 5000 signatures online petition.

see my previous letter, include that as well.

We am opposed to any reopening or softening of the cavona orders until the beaches are opened.

it makes no sense to put others at risk opening parts of our economy when we have not opened up open space and beaches first. this is what the public demands first and foremost

it is consistent with the governors orders for essential outdoor athletic activities

we need an ordinance that police can enforce if that is what it takes to open up. i would suggest an ordinance all adults over 12 must stay 6 foot apart./ let at least the beach cities deal with it below MDR.

there is no proof that virus is linked to outdoor beach activities.

this is not softening, it is logic and common sense.

it is safer and opens us up instead of pushing us to parks and other condensed spaces.

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 4:19 PM deanfrancois <[deanfrancois@gmail.com](mailto:deanfrancois@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Ms Hahn;

I am glad you are recovering well And hopefully the next supervisor's meeting we have a process to allow out public input. I would like to get information on that.

I am not pleased that the nets were taken down on our beaches. The police have not done enough to inform people. But volleyball playing and ball playing with gloves on at 6 ft distancing should be acceptable no matter how bad the virus is spreading.

More importantly than that, the press is over exaggerating the crowds on beaches. The crowds are on the roads entryways and walk paths. The beaches allows us to walk with much space around us and will improve the overall health of our community. We should close parking lots and give cities all the tools they have to close parking spaces so that people can walk from their homes in their communities.

Dean Francois  
Hermosa Beach  
Sierra club political chair

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Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9.

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Dean Francois

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## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Donna Carlson <donnanbri@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:54 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Horse racing at Santa Anita

Dear LA county board of Supervisors

I am writing to voice my support for the 750 backstretch workers that are at risk of losing their income. their home. their healthcare and their way of life. The back stretch of a race track is a very unique community of hardworking people that are devoted to caring for the thoroughbred racehorse. The shutdown of Santa Anita is causing a undue hardship to be placed on the horse racing community when it does not have to be. Santa Anita has gone to great lengths to ensure that horse racing can continue in a way that does not put a strain on the well being and health of the surrounding communities and even though it will be sometime before the public will be able to be in attendance, please allow racing to resume. Do not let this virus destroy their lives and their safe haven. Their fate rest in your hands. You have the opportunity to do something very positive here and save the livelihood of a group of hardworking people. Horse racing has been good for the county and the state of California. They deserve this chance to resume their operations.

Respectfully your s

Donna Carlson

## Cortez, Katelyn

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**From:** Mariesa Samba <mariesa@g.ucla.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:06 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public Comment RE Motion Response to the Sheriff's Request to Transfer Funds from Provisional Financing Uses, Lift the Hiring Freeze, and Realign Budgeted Revenues

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From: **Mariesa Samba** <[mariesa@g.ucla.edu](mailto:mariesa@g.ucla.edu)>  
Date: Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 5:01 PM  
Subject: Public Comment RE Motion Response to the Sheriff's Request to Transfer Funds from Provisional Financing Uses, Lift the Hiring Freeze, and Realign Budgeted Revenues  
To: <[executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>

My name is Mariesa Samba. I am a Social Welfare graduate student at UCLA, researcher at the Ralph J. Bunche Center's Million Dollar Hoods Project and a member of the Justice LA Coalition.

I urge the County to reconsider the Sheriff's request to transfer Funds from Provisional Financing Uses, Lift the Hiring Freeze, and Realign Budgeted Revenues.

The nature of the current Covid-19 pandemic restricts law enforcement from arresting and booking individuals at the rate it would normally. This creates a handicap on law enforcement ability to act as first responded. Instead we must invest in alternatives that rehabilitate and care for those impacted by Covid-19.

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**Mariesa Samba**

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**From:** Elise Knight <ecarts@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:36 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** BOS meeting April 28, 2020 - Comments on Items 14, 19, and 20 Reopening Santa Anita

would like to comment on the items you will consider in the meeting tomorrow with respect to the conduct of live racing at Santa Anita and the fate of the people and animals that reside and work there.

I have been going to the races at Santa Anita since I was in grade school. It is regarded by racing fans world-wide as one of the most beautiful and gracious racing venues in the United States. It is internationally known and respected. I am aware of the horse deaths that occurred during the winter of 2019. I read about how the sport is covered by mainstream media driven by sound bites and 15-second info-nuggets that really do not educate anybody, but are guaranteed to incense. I grew up reading about horse racing in the L.A. Times and am saddened by how the sport I love is now largely ignored by local news media and how little people understand about the sport and industry. Much of the fault lies with organic problems with how the sport lacks centralized leadership, and has done a poor job of communicating to existing and potential fans. All of this is perhaps a long way of saying that as a life-long resident of Los Angeles County I think Santa Anita is a special gem that should be treasured for its historic legacy, its status as an international venue, and as an economic presence in the County.

It is my understanding that the BOS are reluctant to allow live racing to return to Santa Anita since it was closed by the health department. I have never been able to find a comment or reason for this except that racing is considered to be a "non essential" business. I am living the COVID quarantine and I see where people go to recreate and, if this is the reason the BOS will decide it should remain closed, that makes absolutely no sense. I do not sense that the owners of Santa Anita racetrack, or the hundreds of people who live there, are trying to assert that horse racing is somehow an "essential" business. It is, however, a very unique economic and social ecosystem uniquely situated to be able to conduct live racing, with no public attendance, without putting at risk either the employees or the public at large. Some of the relevant considerations I urge you to consider:

1. Horses require 24-hour care 7 days a week. They must be fed and exercised. The racetrack owners have instituted, and will continue to maintain, protocols that maintain the safety of the people who live and work at the track and who much take care of the animals.
2. It takes few additional people to run live racing. I watch live racing at the few other track that are open. They are not like the meat packing workers who were required to work even though at risk. The race tracks have instituted safety protocols for all workers. It not only can be done, it is being done.
3. The economic engine that allows horses to be fed, to receive veterinary care, that allows workers to receive health care and essential services, is wagering. If races are not run, no income is generated. Horse racing is its own economic ecosystem that is driven by wagering. Live racing can be conducted and wagering occurs online. It is televised. Some day I hope to return to the racetrack to see the beautiful thoroughbred athletes. But now I will place online wagers and view the sport on television. To not allow live racing at Santa Anita puts at risk people who are essentially working without pay. Yes there are many people who have been economically displaced by the business closures implemented to control the spread of COVID-19, but why anyone in a politically responsible position would intentionally put people who can be gainfully employed without risking COVID-19 infection is beyond me.

There are many other risky venues open to large numbers of the public (several beaches, the Arboretum). It makes no sense to not allow live racing at a venue that will remain closed to the public and that has implemented safety protocols

for employees. How many cases of COVID-19 have been reported from the Santa Anita racetrack community? They were very proactive in closing early on.

As each state contemplates how to safely ramping up economic activity, I hope the BOS will do the right thing and acknowledge the proven ability of Santa Anita race track to safely conduct its business without endangering the health of the public at large, or its employees. The matter is all the more head-scratching because people who claim to be concerned about the horses are not making decisions that are in their best interest.

Once Santa Anita is able to re-open to the public, I urge you to visit and admire the unmatched beauty of thoroughbred horses do what they do best.

Sincerely,

Elise and Richard Knight

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Jelani Hendrix <jelanih@seiu2015.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:25 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice; Jordan, Dorinne  
**Subject:** Aprils Public Comment  
**Attachments:** LA County BOS Statement.FINAL.docx

Hello,

Please use this version for public comment.

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** JJ V <da1only7474@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Well being horses and workers

To whom it may concern:

I am a life long racing fan. Please for the sake of all the workers and horses at Santa Anita, please let them operate with no fans. Money that is bet in the races and the purses of the races, help feed and employ many! Money also needs to be generated to feed the horses! Wallets of many owners are running dry to keep employees there that feed and take care of the horses. It's mind boggling that the Arboretum next door is packed with customers, but Santa Anita cannot race without fans!

Sent from my iPhone

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** scottlalo@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:51 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** We Support Horse Racing

Hello please resume horse racing at Santa Anita with all of the proper precautions.

Thank you!

Scott La Loggia  
CHRB Licensed Owner

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** karenaway@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Support Racing

In light of the gardens across from Santa Anita being open for visitors, I suggest you open Santa Anita for training and racing without spectators in the stands. Jobs are at stake and the animals in the care of the grooms and trainers need exercise and care.

Thank you.

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Rick Lochner <eslpractices@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:17 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Santa Anita

Please allow Santa Anita to reopen for racing. Its closure will cause an immediate humanitarian issue while simultaneously destroying the industry in the state. You would also be essentially rendering significant investment worthless without compensation.

They were operating responsibly re Covid when shut down and have improved the operating plan since then.

## Cortez, Katelyn

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**From:** Jeannie Malone <jeanniemalone222@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Track - please allow racing to resume

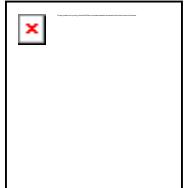
Santa Anita Race Track - please allow racing to resume

More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing their income, their home, their healthcare, and their way of life without the financial support that live racing provides. Many programs are directly funded by the money taken in, allowing aftercare for horses, healthcare for humans, and many other fundamental necessities. Let us advocate for the many who care for our horses each and every day.

Please allow this track to Open!

Respectfully,  
*Jeannie Malone*  
[jeanniemalone222@gmail.com](mailto:jeanniemalone222@gmail.com)

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**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Ken Kawaguchi <kawaguchik@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:35 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Santa Anita

Please resume horse racing. Support for the racing industry is critical. Many safety protocols have been implemented and the livelihood of all is in jeopardy. Thanks Ken Kawaguchi 

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Peter Finch <peterfinch@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Santa Anita

To Whom It May Concern,

If it can be done without spectators, and with all necessary precautions, I would respectfully urge you to reopen Santa Anita racetrack. I make my request out of concern for those whose livelihood depends on the track being open, as well as concern for those beautiful horses, and because I love the sport.

Thank you.

Peter Finch

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cell: (415) 577-0606

**From:** [gary\\_gonzales](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:42:13 PM

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To whom it may concern,  
Santa Anita and the Stronach group has went above and beyond to comply with today's given environment. It's time to allow non spectator racing to resume. There are a lot of backstretch workers who maintain these horses and the track. Please consider removing closure.  
Sincerely,  
Gary Gonzales

[Sent from AT&T Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [bmeds11@aol.com](mailto:bmeds11@aol.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:42:35 PM

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Please resume racing. It will save jobs and provide revenue. Florida is doing it successfully  
Thanks for your time  
Bill M. Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Colin T. McCarthy](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the LA County Health Department Meeting // TUESDAY APRIL 28th 2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:42:40 PM

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Hi,

My name is Colin McCarthy and I'm writing today to support LIVE RACING at Santa Anita and Los Alamitos race tracks. As at this time, there have been zero reports of Covid 19 infections as a result.

During these incredibly difficult times, if there is a safe and constructive activity such as horse racing being conducted within our community, it is my opinion that it is the duty of governmental bodies to support those activities. There is so much economic uncertainty in all industries these days that if there's even the smallest chance we can provide work for employees, etc of the tracks, it is paramount we do so. Both tracks have proven they have the oversight and leadership to allow these races to be conducted safely for everyone involved. So long as that remains a reality, I see no reason to keep this community from generating much needed economic revenue.

My family, business partners and friends have been involved in this industry for generations. My great grandfather, George McCarthy, founded multiple horse and dog tracks in this country. Through many turbulent times, this industry has been a proven leader in forging a path back to financial prosperity. Now shouldn't be any different.

I'm available anytime for further questions.

Thank you and PLEASE CONSIDER allowing us to get back to LIVE RACING!

-Colin T. McCarthy-

Colin T. McCarthy  
LA, CA ~ 9178384955

**From:** [Ryan](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 14-Worker Protections; Item 19 Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:42:49 PM

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LA County Board of Supervisors,

Please open up **Santa Anita Race Track**. Race tracks across the country and even our neighboring county are racing safely with no fans. Santa Anita WAS also racing safely without fans weeks ago. I surely hope we can get back to this ASAP. Thank you for your time. This sport is such a big part of me and my families life along with so many others. We surely hope we can get back to racing.

Ryan Bradshaw

**From:** [rdilluvio@gmail.com](mailto:rdilluvio@gmail.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Open Santa Anita Race Track  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:43:31 PM

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Dear Supervisors - How do you justify sold out crowds at the LA County Arboretum but just across the street they are not allowed to have live racing without fans? It takes more people to train and exercise the horses every morning (which you allow) then it does to have live racing. As a resident of the City of Arcadia please let them race.

Sincerely,  
Richard W. Dilluvio

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [attymichaelberg@gmail.com](mailto:attymichaelberg@gmail.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments@bos.lacounty.org](mailto:PublicComments@bos.lacounty.org)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Track  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:44:42 PM

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**From:** attymichaelberg@gmail.com

**Date:** April 27, 2020 at 5:34:33 PM EDT  
**To:** PublicComments@bos.lacounty.org  
**Subject: Santa Anita Race Track**

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to implore you to allow Santa Anita to reopen and resume spectatorless racing. I'm not sure how familiar any of you are with the sport or the animals within it, but let me assure you that we are doing them no good whatsoever by not allowing them to run. Horses are trained to run at certain times, you are risking injury as there are no other tracks for them to go to. There have been no cases of Covid-19 at Santa Anita. Please allow the race track to reopen immediately and let those who know how to care for these beautiful animals, do so.

Thank you, BlackJack Fletcher  
Sent from my iPh

**From:** [James Boegl](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** It's time  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:44:44 PM

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Please do consider the many backstretch workers at Santa Anita, Del Mar, Golden Gate and Los Alamitos when deciding to re-open those facilities on a safe and controlled basis.

Thank you,

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James Boegl  


**From:** [Elizabeth Converse](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please resume horse racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:44:57 PM

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My family depends on horse racing!

**From:** [Dina Farris Appel Art](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 19...Please don't reopen Santa Anita!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:45:35 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Board Of Supervisors:

This email is in regard to agenda item #19 with regard to the re-opening of Los Angeles.

As a long time LA resident I am asking you to not open the Santa Anita Racetrack during the COVID-19 pandemic. Horse racing is NOT an essential business!

It is the very nature of horse racing that the jockeys and caretakers of the horses cannot stay withing safe social distancing guidelines. How in the world is horseracing an "essential business"? The only ones it's essential for are the owners of the track to continue to make their blood money. There is absolutely nothing "essential" in running horses for gambling. It's not essential for the horses, either. It's a public risk in more ways than one. It's only a matter of time before a backstretch worker comes down with COVID-19 and then it may spread like wildfire because as I'm sure you know, the majority of the grooms and backstretch workers are low-income and tend to live in close quarters with one another.

Not to mention that even in the last few weeks Santa Anita has killed several more horses.  
Please do not re-open Santa Anita.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Dina Appel  
Los Angeles, CA

**From:** [patricia nielsen](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Live Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:46:07 PM

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Hope you continue live racing.

Patricia Nielsen  
Watertown, NY  
[pnie\\_1999@yahoo.com](mailto:pnie_1999@yahoo.com)

**From:** [Susanne Conway](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:47:09 PM

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The unfair, unwarranted and irresponsible persecution of horse racing in California is nothing more than political agenda driven genuflecting to animal activists.

Please allow racing to resume at Santa Anita while all of us work to resolve the existing problems in the industry while trying to survive the damage done in the name of covid-19.

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**From:** [John Fradkin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please allow Santa Anita Park to run horse races  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:47:28 PM

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Honorable Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

I would like to request that the Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Health Department immediately allow Santa Anita Park to reopen for spectatorless racing in the afternoons without the public present.

The decision to force Santa Anita to not run races in the afternoons was a poor one and probably stems from a lack of understanding of the thoroughbred racing business.

Here is a list of facts that pertain to the situation at Santa Anita Park:

1. Training of horses is taking place daily in the mornings and thank you for allowing that to continue. Racing in the afternoons 4 days a week (Thurs - Sun) would not require very many more people than are already onsite involved in the training in the morning hours 7 days a week. There really isn't much difference in necessary manpower. Maybe a dozen extra people would be required -- gate crew, outriders, and stewards. These people could and would easily follow the protocols that are already in place and have been successful. There has not been a single COVID-19 positive at Santa Anita Park yet.
2. The business of thoroughbred horseracing is essentially an internet business. Spectators are not necessary. I'm not sure that the Board of Supervisors realizes this fact
3. Revenue from legal online gambling on the races funds the backstretch employee's health care services. *Without racing, this is directly affecting the ability to keep necessary health care services running.*
4. Horseracing is our business. You have taken away our ability to generate any revenue in this business by not having racing in the afternoons. This is an unsustainable predicament for racehorse owners and it is so unnecessary because there is almost zero extra COVID-19 exposure if you allow the afternoon races to be run.
5. **The County owned Arboretum across the street from Santa Anita Park is currently OPEN to the public. The optics are such that you are discriminating against Santa Anita Park! We are not asking to be open to the public.**

I fully realize that there are tough decisions that have to be made in balancing public health benefits versus the economic effects of doing so.

However this is a business that doesn't have to be harmed unnecessarily.

This is a no-brainer. Please do the right thing and do it soon before the damage done is irreparable.

Respectfully,

John Fradkin  
Racehorse owner  
telephone: 714-915-8047

**From:** [Joe Migliore](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Resume racing at Santa Anita - Agenda #14, #19 and #20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:47:40 PM

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To the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

I work in the Thoroughbred industry, syndicating race horses that compete at Santa Anita Racetrack. Please allow Santa Anita Racetrack to resume racing without fans in attendance. There have been no cases of COVID-19 on the backstretch and resuming racing is essential for the owners/trainers that have their horses there. Without racing there will be thousands left without jobs in the near future. If the arboretum across the street from the track is open with hundreds of people visiting there each day why is the racetrack not allowed to race without fans in attendance? Please allow Santa Anita to resume racing immediately.

Sincerely,

Joe Migliore

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**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse racing  
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Hello

Please bring back horse racing at Santa Anita Race track.

Other race tracks around the country are open without fans.

Sincerely,

Jared

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Regan Tully/USA](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:48:15 PM  
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Dear Members of the Board,

As a supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed the challenges of Thoroughbred Racing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. I've spoken with various stake holders, community leaders and citizens inside and outside the industry. The ban put in place by LA County for an industry that supports nearly a thousand people in the LA community seems to be an unnecessary action that will place a significant hardship on those same individuals who perform essentially the same functions with the racing ban in effect or not.

There are several upsides to allowing the racing to continue with few downsides. Santa Anita provides an ideal environment that could operate safely under current conditions. Most staff needed to care for the horses already live on site and have been following the protocols that have been put in place. Those few who commute back and forth such as trainers and veterinarians take the corona virus seriously and do all the things requisite to maintaining sanitary conditions.

Allowing racing to continue provides for continued purse distributions that generates the revenue needed to keep staff employed in addition to much needed revenues for the city, county and state. For people locally, nationwide and worldwide it provides a wonderful mental pause to the pandemic and allows fans to stay in their homes to enjoy the sport on TV or laptops. The absence of racing not only creates a hardship for the owners and trainers but also for the staff that live check to check.

If these workers continue to lose the revenue provided by purse distributions it will certainly create a tremendous hardship and added stress to an already stressful situation. The absence of racing will likely force many of these workers into homelessness. I not only support reopening of the LAC racing forum but support -----

RE-OPENNING AMERICA NOW TO SAVE OUR ECONOMY AND OUR FREEDOMS

Thank you for your consideration,

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**From:** [steve whitcomb](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Support Horse Racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:48:40 PM

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I support opening Santa Anita . An much needed economic boost needed in this country in one of the safest ways possible. Look at the major racetracks in America and you should have no concerns that this can be done safely

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [M Nichols](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Financial disruption LA County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:49:19 PM

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Board of Supervisors,

My husband was born and raised in LA County. He was introduced to Santa Anita at a young age. Our family has been going to Santa Anita since after WWII. When we had children we took ours there to share the family experience. Our children are grown now and they too bring friends and family there. It is a timeless monument in this advanced society. It is like walking into a timewarp, taking you back to the 1940's not just aesthetically but in the feeling. People from every race and gender share a common bond there at Santa Anita.

As for financially, Santa Anita not only provides the City of Arcadia, The County of Los Angeles, and the State of California much needed financial resources. They also provide a family like atmosphere to all that work there on the track. The health services there provides much needed medical services for those who can not get regular insurance. Santa Anita also provides a plethora of business dividends for many other small businesses. Which those businesses in turn pay the County taxes. Each of the trainers has a barn and stable off site of Santa Anita, they have to pay many employees and vendors, which the county reaps the benefits. A major studio that produces the broadcast is also located in LA County, which then pays taxes.

Right now CA and LA County need every SAFE avenue of revenue. Santa Anita has lost some very big races and well known barns to Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs Ark & Miami Florida Gulfstream Park. Our much needed funds for CA are leaving to other states. But what those tracks have taught us is that the racing community does go above and beyond to protect those around them. Gulfstream Park's stringent Covid 19 Policies lead to the diagnosis of an Asymptomatic jockey, that had flown from NY to FL was in the required 14 quarantine when he found out he had COVID without any symptoms. Those policies at Gulfstream Park where enacted by The Stronach Group who owns and operates Santa Anita. Those policies saved an entire Jockey colony in FL.

There is no reason Santa Anita should be closed. The longer Santa Anita is closed the longer CA will suffer financially from lost income.

Thank you  
Mrs Nichols  
Palm Springs, CA

**From:** [Donald Maynard](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** We support non-spectator racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:50:42 PM

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As a longstanding, concerned fans of thoroughbred racing, **we whole-heartedly support non-spectator racing.** We fans love the excitement of being able to sit in the stands and enjoy a day of thrilling racing. In this time of social distancing we understand your need to "help keep us safe"; however, we love, love, love watching our favorite horses run. We accept the fact we cannot be at the track in person but we can watch the races on TV, internet, etc. Many of us "observe virtual Mass on Sundays". Many of us love to "observe virtual racing".

Also, it is a tremendous hardship on the hundreds of backstretch workers who show up daily and tirelessly perform their jobs. Many will be forced to leave their backstretch homes because they will have to be let go due to not being able to earn salaries when there is no racing. Men, women and their families will suffer. They not only no longer have a paycheck, they have no health insurance. The owners will be searching for racetracks that are open in other parts of the country in order to run their gifted horses. **Horses are athletes, they need to run!** Trainers will lose their business. The state of California will be losing precious money that it needs to survive.

**Please reconsider and reinstate non-spectator racing at Santa Anita.**

Patricia and Donald Maynard  
[themaynards60@gmail.com](mailto:themaynards60@gmail.com)

**From:** [Ryan Carpenter](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Meeting April 28, 2020 item number 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:50:57 PM

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I would like to thank you for taking the time to read this and I would like to introduce myself. My name is Ryan Carpenter and I am a veterinarian and board certified equine surgeon that works at Santa Anita racetrack. As a doctor and scientist, I've been keeping a close eye on the COVID-19 outbreak over the past several months and am well aware of the health risk this crisis poses to our community. When we look at this epidemic both at a local and global level, I applaud Governor Newsom and Mayor Garcetti for taking a very proactive approach to what was obviously going to have a dramatic impact on our world. It's clear from an epidemiologic standpoint that we have flatten the curve and because of the leadership in our community and state. Now its time to look at what the next step will be and I think it's clear that we need to safely reintroduce business in order keep people employed and drive the economy. The question that you were posed is a simple one, is horse racing an essential business and should it be allowed to continue given the current climate. The answer among all veterinary health professionals is racehorses need to be cared for, exercised and allowed to exercise. So if training in the morning is acceptable to the county then we need to ask the question, what added risk to our community is involved with conducting business in the afternoon with spectator less racing. I applaud The Stronach Group for taking a very proactive stand putting together a very comprehensive plan that was presented to the healthy department on April the 16<sup>th</sup>. If you have a chance to read this proposal you will quickly realize that a tremendous amount of effort was put into the development of a strategy that will eliminate any additional risk in the afternoon. With this in mind you can confidently allow racing to resume at Santa Anita in the afternoon with no worry this will have a negative effect on what our community has accomplished in the past several months. Running races in the afternoon is the driving force of our industry and if racing is not allowed to be conducted for the coming months, this poses a great threat to the viability of our industry. More importantly there are hundreds of individuals that care for thousands of horses that will become unemployed. These individuals call the backside there home and immediately these individuals will become homeless which will add to the crisis at hand. I suspect this will pose a greater risk of community spread because these individuals will be forced to come together instead of being allowed to stay at the

racetrack where they are actively practicing social distancing. Additionally, a portion of money generated by races goes into the health care of the members of our community and the care for horses once they are retired from racing. Sadly CARMA, which is a very notable organization that cares for racehorses once retired, has announced that they can not accept horses into their program at this time because of the lack of funding to the organization without races being run. Once races begin, they will be accepting horses again and this animal welfare issue will be greatly minimized because as it stands now this is having a significant impact on the aftercare of our retired athletes.

I'm proud of the measures that have been put in place so far and look forward to any additional steps we can take to ensure safety of our community from a balanced approach. Several friends of mine work in construction and they are allowed to continue working normally and we can all agree that most of these projects are not essential at this time. Additionally, I spent several hours at Costco this morning and it was clear that while not perfect several changes to the flow of people have been put in place to help minimize risk. This is a balanced approach and I ask that this type of approach be considered at Santa Anita for afternoon live racing so our industry, like the ones I just mentioned can continue to provide jobs in the face of an ever growing unemployment and money to the state that will provide aid to fellow members of our community. Additionally please consider The Stronach Group's commitment to the community and being a leader within our industry.

Thank you for your time and service to our county in this difficult time. I'm confident we will emerge stronger than we were before and know we are committed to the health and safety of our racing community as you are to LA County, but we have got to get working again with a safe balance approach to minimize the risk and I'm confident The Stronach Group's plan accomplishes this.

Ryan Carpenter, DVM, MS, DACVS

**From:** [Lisa Mary](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Live horse racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:50:58 PM

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Dear Board,

Please allow live horse racing to resume at Santa Anita as soon as possible.

Santa Anita is 20 times safer than most other places including the grocery stores, Costco and the Arboretum which has been allowed to operate, despite no concern for social distancing.

Santa Anita has implemented strict protocols to ensure the safety and health of the workers that live on-site, and there have been no cases of COVID-19.

The livelihood of 750 back stretch workers hangs in the balance. A return to live racing with licensed staff only and safe measures in place poses no risk to the public nor to those working diligently every day to feed their families. Watching sports, including horse racing, is an American tradition and will give people hope and some sense of normalcy again. It's what is needed, and now is the time.

Thank you for supporting the responsible recovery of our great state of California with a unanimous vote to approve spectatorless horse racing. Your attention in this matter is greatly appreciated by the thousands of people in our community that care for and about the horses and their handlers.

Kind Regards,  
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**From:** [Nancy Beningo](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** let them run!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:51:14 PM

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I hope you allow racing to resume without spectators. It is a lifeline, especially for the horses owners (and not all of them are wealthy people!) and the people who care for them. Trainers depend on racing income to help pay for the people that take care of the horses and to pay their liability insurance. It is a whole eco-system that can keep itself in sustenance without allowing people outside it to come into contact or infect them. There is no alternate support for the animals or for their caretakers and their families.

**From:** [Emily Wilmot](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Mtg - 04/28/20 - Public Health  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:51:30 PM

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Good day.

For the sake and good health of many humans and animals I know, care about, and love -  
REOPEN SANTA ANITA PARK.

Sincerely yours,  
Emily Wilmot

**From:** [Angela Altimari](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:51:42 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

As a supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed the challenges of Thoroughbred Racing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. I've spoken with various stakeholders, community leaders and citizens inside and outside the industry. The ban put in place by LA County for an industry that supports nearly a thousand people in the LA community seems to be an unnecessary action that will place a significant hardship on those same individuals who perform essentially the same functions with the racing ban in effect or not.

There are several upsides to allowing the racing to continue with few downsides. Santa Anita provides an ideal environment that could operate safely under current conditions. Most staff needed to care for the horses already live on site and have been following the protocols that have been put in place. Those few who commute back and forth such as trainers and veterinarians take the corona virus seriously and do all the things requisite to maintaining sanitary conditions.

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If these workers continue to lose the revenue provided by purse distributions it will certainly create a tremendous hardship and added stress to an already stressful situation. The absence of racing will likely force many of these workers into homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Angela Altimari  
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**From:** [Kelly Griffin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please don't fall for Santa Anita's lies. Keep their live racing shut down for the safety of horses AND humans during this pandemic.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:51:43 PM

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To: L.A. County Board of Supervisors  
Re: Agenda Item 19 - SAFELY Reopening L.A. County

Thank you for observing public commentary for your many critical, upcoming decisions regarding the safe resumption of all businesses, "necessary," or otherwise, in the face of this unparalleled crisis.

You're about to hear from an angry handful of horse racing/killing apologists about why (they claim) reopening Santa Anita to live racing is such a "vital" decision right now. They will cry that your refusal to do so will render their employees jobless and homeless. Not true. Their workers have employment AND housing, and will continue to have both throughout this ordeal.

They will also claim that racing horses requires minimal staffing beyond what exists for full-time horse care and morning training. Again, not true. Contrary to their pleas that thoroughbreds "love to run," these exceedingly fragile animals don't just line themselves up unassisted by humans and take off running. They require a whole slew of hands-on (and whips-on) humans to congregate at each and every post position, for each and every horse. Several more humans will be required for each inevitable breakdown that a racing resumption at Santa Anita will incur. The dangers inherent in horse racing make the use of both human and equine ambulances standard requirements for each and every race. This compounds medical staffing issues and social distancing problems during this pandemic. Santa Anita's slew of very public racehorse deaths are horrifying enough; adding their "no screens" proposal and a slew of masked vet staff attempting to stay isolated from one another while "attending to" a broken-down, flailing, terrified, and mortally wounded animal will create an even worse image problem for Santa Anita.

Finally, they will even threaten the very safety and welfare of the racehorses they're required to care for, with or without live racing. They'll claim they can't afford to feed them and pay their workers for horse care without the income from racing bets. Hence, they'll suggest, thousands of horses will suffer and die unless and until L.A. authorities allow them to conduct their already-deadly gambling game. Worse, they will try to blame everybody else (including you, the members of this board) for "causing" this threatened suffering.

In closing, please reject the proposal from Santa Anita, The Stronach Group, and its proponents to allow a resumption of horse racing before it can be performed safely. The spread of COVID-19 on the backstretch of Santa Anita really would be a disaster for humans and horses alike.

Thank you for your time.  
Kelly Griffin

**From:** [David Crisp](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Open up Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:51:45 PM

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People are struggling. Jobs are being lost. Surely racing should not be a political agenda with the Arboretum nearby and virtually unimpeded.

More people are involved with morning exercising, care and training than would be involved in afternoon spectator-less racing. If the agenda is not to kill TB racing, opening up under safe protocols should be an easy decision.  
PLEASE.

Sent from my iPhone  
J. David Crisp  
Owner

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**Subject:** April 28, 2020 BOS Meeting: Items 14, 19, 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:51:48 PM

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Board of Supervisors:

As partners in approximately 10 racehorses we are strong supporters of Southern California's beloved horse racing industry. We take the Covid-19 pandemic very seriously and are in complete support of the Stronach Group's proposed plan to protect the safety of racing industry personnel, the backstretch community and the public by resuming racing with only essential personnel and no spectators. The plan is thorough and appropriate. While we will miss being at Santa Anita we're more concerned with the welfare of the horses and the backstretch community and the survival of the industry. Many important strides have been made in improving the safety of the sport in the past year. Please allow us to build on these accomplishments before the economic toll of the shutdown makes it impossible for racing-related individuals, families and businesses to recover.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for all of your work in navigating the pandemic for Los Angeles.

Respectfully,

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** Arlen Carpenter  
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**Subject:** Horse racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:51:57 PM

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I support the opening of horse racing!!

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**From:** [Pavla Nygaard](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Comments on agenda items 14, 19 and 20, Tuesday April 28 meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:52:04 PM

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

I appreciate your Department's continued engagement with Santa Anita Park regarding protocols to safely reopen horse racing activities at the track without spectators. As an owner and breeder, our operations have been affected by the pandemic. While we are obviously not at all unique in the suffering that many are experiencing, we owe a responsibility to the well-being of our horses and those who take care of them. This is highly challenging when our expenses remain the same, as horses cannot be put away in a storage shed as furniture can, and cannot be furloughed and put into an unemployment line either. I am extremely concerned about the welfare of both the horses and the workers at the track if racing income cannot be reinstated in the near future, and I believe that the protocols are in place to properly balance public health during the Covid-19 pandemic.

I understand the immense responsibility that your Department holds to protect human health, and I appreciate your taking it seriously. I believe that the decisive actions taken by Governor Newsom and implemented by the Health Departments across the state have had significant positive impact on California's ability to keep Covid-19 within manageable parameters, certainly compared to states like New York and its neighbors. I understand the immense "damned if you do, damned if you don't" challenges in deciding where to strike the balance between keeping people at home and allowing enough economic activity to ensure that the "cure" (indefinite lockdown) isn't worse than the "disease". I understand the added challenge of having only partial data (such as testing) on which to base these decisions in a balanced way, and that it appears easier to strike the balance on the side of caution rather than risk when coronavirus cases are still being identified in the LA area. I would respectfully submit that there are sufficient scientific and objective reasons to allow racing to proceed at this time or the very near future, based on the information currently known about Covid-19 (understood modes of transmission, mitigation through PPE and social distancing protocols, susceptibility of virus through sanitization efforts, increased testing options in the coming weeks, currently vulnerable-but-manageable hospital resources, unprecedented scientific cooperation on therapeutics, treatment, therapeutic and vaccine research, assumed outbreak peak having passed, flattening and decreasing caseload curves, hopeful seasonal decreases in transmission, etc.).

My heart goes out to your position in these difficult times and the pressure I am sure you feel with many competing interests. Many people across the county and globally are being affected with loss of their loved ones, job losses and fears about the future. I have experienced the resilience of the people in the racing industry and their commitment to the horses in their care. Many are scared, just as in other industries, yet they are still there every day to do what needs to be done. They inspire me. I sincerely believe that allowing racing to return to Santa Anita will be part of the fabric the community will need to survive and rebuild in the months to come. Thank you for working with our industry to allow for us all to create a future in which economic health and public health can coexist hand in hand.

#### **Agenda Item 14 - Worker Protections:**

## **RACETRACK WORKER CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Santa Anita racetrack has put in place a number of stringent safety rules to minimize the impact of Covid-19, such as installing multiple hand sanitizer locations and providing face masks to track employees. To the best of my knowledge, Santa Anita continues to be open to any further protocols to maximize health at the racetrack.
2. There are approximately 750 racetrack workers who live on the racetrack grounds to take care of approximately 1700 horses stabled there. and, as such, are essentially a closed system. Santa Anita has made significant adjustments to maintain the workers' health and safety without a need to leave the community and mingle with the outside-racetrack community.
3. The racetrack workers have take-out access to the racetrack kitchen, make their meals in their living quarters and are therefore largely self-sufficient for their needs on the track.
4. While working, the workers have paid health insurance and there is an onsite medical clinic to attend to their needs. Should they lose their jobs, they would immediately lose access to their health insurance and could become a more significant health and safety concern to California.
5. The racetrack workers rely on their racetrack employment for their housing needs. Should they lose their jobs, they could become part of the homeless population and add to an already significant health and safety concern that the homeless population experiences in Los Angeles County. They are safer in their jobs than without them.
6. Santa Anita has announced further protocols over the weekend regarding jockeys and jockeys' agents not being allowed to attend the backside (where the grooms and horses reside), to further tighten social distancing.

## **Agenda Items 19-Safely Reopening LA County, and 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery:**

### **LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITY TO CREATE PROTOCOLS THAT BALANCE PUBLIC HEALTH AND ECONOMIC HEALTH**

- The American public has shown tremendous willingness and patience to embrace social distancing when it was announced, but it is evident that the economic damage on businesses and individuals is straining this willingness. 26 million applications for unemployment benefits, PPP program being exhausted within a couple of days and hundreds of thousands of applications outstanding for the second round, and increasing demonstrations to return the country to work are just the beginning of examples that will force governments and health departments to struggle with imperfect answers to what, when and how much to reopen the economy and how to do so without significant risk of an unmanageable wave of new Covid-19 infections.
- In the coming future, it will be crucial to develop protocols for both essential and non-essential sectors of business that allow for economic activity while minimizing negative effects to public and individual health. Some business structures may be well poised to provide such risk management earlier than others. Racetrack environment such as Santa Anita, is well placed to be one of these early adopters due to its existing necessary safety protocols to allow racehorse training, as well as the ability of these protocols to have been tested with success at other tracks across the USA under strict spectator-free racing.
- Racetracks like Santa Anita are unique in that a large percentage of their income (off-site betting) is not dependent on fans' presence at the racetrack, nor on personnel that

isn't required to be on the grounds for essential services (training and care of horses). Santa Anita is also unique with its onsite health clinic, and better able to prevent and mitigate health risks than many other businesses, essential or not.

- There are other racetracks in the United States that have been able to race without spectators under stringent protocols and without known Covid-19 cases. These racetracks are in areas with reasonably comparable per-capita county caseload as LA County (data below is taken from 4/24/20 data reported by the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Center:
  - Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, AR. Garland County: 109 confirmed cases, equal to 109.93 per 100,000 residents
  - Tampa Bay in Tampa, FL. Hillsborough County: 1008 confirmed cases, equal to 70.15 per 100,000 residents
  - Gulfstream Park in Hallandale Beach, FL. Broward County: 4431 confirmed cases, equal to 227.08 per 100,000 residents
  - Los Alamitos in Orange County, CA. Orange County: 1827 confirmed cases, equal to 57.35 per 100,000 residents
  - In comparison, Los Angeles County has 17,537 confirmed cases, equal to 173.54 per 100,000 residents. While this is somewhat higher per capita than some of the other jurisdictions, it is less than Gulfstream Park with higher per-capita rates in Broward County, FL, which has been able to operate safely as well. The numbers above, with the history of no known cases at these tracks, show that the protocols in place go a long way to balancing public health with the ability to continue racing and funding horse care.
- Santa Anita has had protocols in place voluntarily and in consultation with an infectious disease expert involved in a Covid-19 panel. The currently operating racetracks have protocols, as well as the HBPA (Horsemen's Benevolent Protective Association, which provides guidance to horsemen nationally) that have been shared within the racing industry:  
[https://www.horseracingnation.com/news/National\\_HBPA\\_provides\\_template\\_for\\_spec\\_tator\\_free\\_racing\\_123](https://www.horseracingnation.com/news/National_HBPA_provides_template_for_spec_tator_free_racing_123)
- Santa Anita has an onsite clinic which provides free healthcare to track workers, and is ready to assist with necessary isolation and treatment if required. This places it ahead of most businesses in the County in being able to conduct operations with managed risk. The clinic's ability to continue is directly dependent on it being funded through racing income.
- In an article entitled "How do we get back to work? One hospital's procedures show the way", Mass General Hospital's Dr. Poznansky and Dr. Hart spoke about the protocols at MGH designed to mitigate the risks of infection, while allowing the hospital to function and provide care. The protocols mentioned in the article are very much in line with the Santa Anita existing protocols and protocols at other tracks. Article link:  
[https://apple.news/Ak6vFw75qSCy0OB\\_6QkuXJQ](https://apple.news/Ak6vFw75qSCy0OB_6QkuXJQ)
- The American economic system is in the process of collapsing. The safety net of programs such as the initial PPP program or SBA loans, while helpful, will be insufficient to absorb the devastating economic impact or the horrific losses to state and local budgets. It will not be possible to maintain full-lockdown social distancing for the 12-18 months (optimistic timeframe) it is expected to take for a viable vaccine to be created. Governments, health departments and businesses will need to work together to craft protocols that decrease public health risk and improve chances of R0 of Covid-19 getting below 1, while making it feasible for populations to maintain their housing, food sources, exercise, and mental health needs.

Santa Anita, with their carefully crafted protocols, is eager to provide leadership and science-based strategies, to lead the way for Los Angeles County and other businesses, as we are forced to design a vision that allows continued public health cautions while allowing economic activity.

- To the extent that Santa Anita is able conduct racing, earn income, pay vendors for services and pay tax revenue, it is in better position to provide economic and inspirational value to the community it serves in Los Angeles County, California and nationwide, not just the racing community within its enclosure.

## OPPORTUNITY TO POSITIVELY IMPACT MENTAL HEALTH

- Americans are experiencing increased mental health challenges, as evidenced by studies showing 47% people with negative mental health effects in those sheltering-in-place compared to 37% of those not sheltering-in-place, and crisis lines all over the country reporting many-fold increases in calls from people anxious about health effects of the coronavirus as well as suicidal thoughts and anxiety due to economic or loneliness worries. While continued sheltering-in-place will need to be utilized as part of public health strategies, its mental health effects can be minimized with access to programming with positive effects on mental health, such as sports, as well as responsible return-to-work protocols being utilized and proposed by Santa Anita.
- Most other sports leagues cannot be conducted with sufficient social distancing protocols at this time, but horse racing is uniquely positioned to be able to continue due to the unusual and ironic reality that the part of the activity designated as non-essential by the Health Department (afternoon racing) poses far smaller social distancing challenges than the activity designated as essential (training and horse care). Therefore, for risk management purposes, it makes much sense to allow the less risky "racing" activity when that is the activity that provides the necessary funding for the "essential" training and horse care activity.
- The loneliness and social isolation due to lockdown orders has also resulted in Americans' increased appreciation for animals in our lives (The Humane Society of the United States reports that pet adoptions are up by 90% and organizations in New York have seen foster applications up ten-fold). While this increase doesn't translate to increased horse adoptions due to different dynamics (high expenses, horses cannot isolate in the home like dogs and cats), Americans have been more drawn to animal-related programs (the Tiger King phenomenon, is just one example of this, even with very dysfunctional humans in the series). Increased betting handle at those tracks able to run also evidence this.
- Virtual horse farm tours at certain Kentucky breeding farms have received praise from the public, and specifically stressed health care workers, appreciative of being able for horse viewing to lift spirits in tough times. Here are some sample comments in response to a Claiborne Farm (KY) virtual tour:  
[https://m.facebook.com/ClaiborneFarm/photos/a.394784300638182/2675137029269553/?type=3&hc\\_ref=ART9-3rP88tMGIJVg-s6efB-8V1RAA\\_ckjSC7-kbGMXZItUBfwDccEslQbNuU7lEqCM&ref=nf\\_target](https://m.facebook.com/ClaiborneFarm/photos/a.394784300638182/2675137029269553/?type=3&hc_ref=ART9-3rP88tMGIJVg-s6efB-8V1RAA_ckjSC7-kbGMXZItUBfwDccEslQbNuU7lEqCM&ref=nf_target)
- A racehorse has been said to be able to "take a 1000 people for a ride at the same time". Seabiscuit provided inspiration after the Great Depression (as did the namesake movie). Secretariat inspired many, as have California-based racehorses such as Zenyatta and California Chrome, or the two most recent Triple Crown winners, American Pharoah and Justify. In the absence of other sports, and in line with the identified human desire

to identify with animals at a time of increased loneliness, horse racing provides a much-needed mental health outlet that can be watched on TV by fans, while providing in-state and out-of-state betting revenue that directly supports the care for horses, workers, owners and trainers.

## **HORSE CARE CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Care of horses has been deemed to fall within the agricultural essential business designation. Therefore, the care of horses can continue at Santa Anita. As an owner, I am appreciative of this designation, as I am very concerned about our horses' well-being without this designation.
2. Care of a backyard family horse out in a pasture herd is dramatically different from the care of a fit athletic racing Thoroughbred, and the care of a backyard horse may be changed more easily in response to the health shutdowns in California. The distinction in care needs may not be fully appreciated by those without inside knowledge of the care of the Thoroughbred.
3. The fit, athletic, racing Thoroughbred requires not only feed and bedding, but also daily exercise under a rider on the racetrack.
4. There is no reasonable safe alternative for the racing Thoroughbred to receive sufficient exercise in the racetrack environment without decreasing safety to both horses and their caretakers. While hand-walking is a reasonable alternative for up to three days or so, these athletic horses get too wound up without their regular gallops, breezes and racing schedule. When they get wound up, they pose greater danger of physical injury or health issues to themselves and/or their caretakers. They thrive both on routine as well as the physical ability to get their energy out through exercise.
5. Due to space and safety considerations, there are no turnout accommodations at the racetrack and therefore the horses rely on their exercise needs by their human caretakers (grooms, exercise riders and jockeys). Due to the number of horses at Santa Anita (approximately 1700) and the lack of area horse farms able to absorb this number of horses if the track could not function, it is safest for these horses to remain in the racetrack environment and be well taken care of by the trainers and caretakers they know and trust.
6. Racing at appropriate 3-5 week intervals per horse is part of the exercise regimen, and part of the safe maintenance of the Thoroughbred racehorse.
7. There is minimal added difference to the care needed for the Thoroughbred at the racetrack for only training purposes, vs. with racing allowed. In other words, approximately 95% of the care required is concentrated on the training end, not the racing end.
8. The racing part of the activity is what allows for the Thoroughbred industry to earn its income. Without the health risk of crowds of spectators removed, the racing component adds very minimal social distancing issues over the necessary daily care required for the daily care and exercise. Santa Anita has been conscientious with stringent protocols both in training and racing.

## **HORSE WELFARE ISSUES WITHOUT RACING**

1. Without racing, some affected horse owners and owners may struggle significantly with their ability to cover the continuing costs of care until racing may again continue. Even one week of missed scheduled racing dates may shift available race schedules and horse

fitness by four or six weeks.

2. Due to Covid-19, there are already significant concerns in the Thoroughbred community about this situation causing horsemen to need to retire horses they may not afford to pay bills for. While horse retirement options have improved significantly over recent years (I am on the Board of Directors of the Retired Racehorse Project, and I am well aware of off-track Thoroughbred retirement issues), other equestrian disciplines are also suffering due to impacts of Covid-19. It is unlikely that there would be sufficient retirement options for horses with no homes to go to.
3. The industry-funded horse after-care organization, CARMA, had to suspend taking in new horses as of April 9th. Their funding comes through percentage of racing income. This is a significant welfare issue. With private owners and trainers losing income, they cannot easily increase private funding to this organization at a time when it is needed more than ever. <https://www.carma4horses.org/archives/placement-program-temporarily-suspended>
4. The financial value of a racing Thoroughbred can decrease significantly by potentially tens or hundreds of thousands of dollars when they are unable to race. While financial considerations should not be a significant consideration where health is concerned, the financial value has a domino effect on the ability of owners, trainers and caretakers to afford the horses' care. Therefore, value issues become a horse welfare issue.
5. Allowing racing, under stringent health protocols, gives the horses and their owners the highest chance to bridge these difficult times without becoming a severe equine welfare concern in California.

## **POLITICAL AND PRACTICAL CONSIDERATIONS**

1. It has come to my attention that animal rights activists have been lobbying the Health Department to shut down Santa Anita and other racetracks within California under the guise of health considerations. I am aware of social media posts within the animal rights activist community which claim they have inside access to the Health Department to do so, and plan further phone and other campaigns to pressure the Health Department. This is inappropriate and political interference due to the Covid-19 crisis to accomplish their ideological goals without consideration on horse welfare and worker welfare.
2. Please be aware that animal rights activists operate from an ideological point of view. Some extreme activists advocate for no horse to have a saddle on them, nor for humans to have pets. Some of the activists have advocated for the extinction of entire horse breeds, such as the Thoroughbred. While I expect the Health Department and Santa Anita to take actual health issues seriously, I would respectfully request for the Health Department to take activist complaints with a very large grain of salt as being politically and ideologically motivated.
3. If there are any ways to augment health-related procedures at the track, I am confident that the Santa Anita and horsemen community will be very open to any Health Department suggestions which can allow the balancing of the horse care needs with the health care needs of California in the middle of the Covid-19 outbreak. All of the racing community is highly incentivized for all the racetrack personnel to remain safe, as we depend on each other to take care of each other and of the horses.

I appreciate the opportunity to contact you about these issues. We appreciate your willingness to work with the industry to find ways for us to continue doing so and being part of the solution for California, rather than part of the problem. The entire Thoroughbred racing

community is working very hard together to ensure the safety and health of the horses and the humans involved, and we appreciate the chance to continue to balance these needs at this time.

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**From:** [Grace De Stefano](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Opening Tracks  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:54:04 PM

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I believe you should reopen to support all the workers as long as checks are in place.

Tampa Bay  
Gulfstream  
Oaklawn

have been able to stay open. Take their blueprint

**From:** [Marie Baker](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please do not reopen Santa Anita Racetrack  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:54:19 PM

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Dear Sirs and Madams,

Please do not reopen Santa Anita Racetrack. Due to the number of deaths of horses on and off the track, horse racing should close down completely. Replace it with off track betting and other virtual racing activities. By keeping it open at this time you are also endangering the lives of humans as well and the innocent horses that die in such large numbers at Santa Anita. It is not an essential business.

The Corona Virus cases are still growing in the county of Los Angeles. You are putting all of our lives in danger and this should not be allowed to continue.

Sincerely,

Marie Baker  
Woodland Hills Ca. 91364

**From:** [Kyle Yost](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:54:25 PM  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)

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Dear Members of the Board,

As a supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed the challenges of Thoroughbred racing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. We have spoken with various stakeholders, community leaders and citizens inside and outside the industry. The ban put in place by LA County for an industry that supports nearly a thousand people in the LA community seems to be an unnecessary action that will place a significant hardship on those same individuals who perform essentially the same functions with the racing ban in effect or not.

There are several upsides to allowing the racing to continue with few downsides. Santa Anita provides an ideal environment that could operate safely under current conditions. Most staff needed to care for the horses already live on site and have been following the protocols that have been put in place. Those few who commute back and forth such as trainers and veterinarians take the corona virus seriously and do all the things requisite to maintaining sanitary conditions.

Allowing racing to continue provides for continued purse distributions that generates the revenue needed to keep staff employed in addition to much needed revenues for the city, county and state. For people locally, nationwide and worldwide it provides a wonderful mental pause to the pandemic and allows fans to stay in their homes to enjoy the sport on TV or laptops. The absence of racing not only creates a hardship for the owners and trainers but also for the staff that live check to check.

If these workers continue to lose the revenue provided by purse distributions it will certainly create a tremendous hardship and added stress to an already stressful situation. The absence of racing will unfortunately force many of these workers and their families into homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,

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**From:** [Michael Pirrung](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:55:29 PM

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To the Honorable Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of a proposal from The Stronach Group that would permit thoroughbred horse racing to resume at Santa Anita Park. As I reside in Orange County, I am not your constituent, but I have been a dedicated patron of horse racing at Santa Anita for many years, so I have contributed to the economic well-being of Los Angeles County.

The terms of the current orders related to the COVID-19 outbreak make clear that those involved in the care of animals are considered essential. It has thus been permitted that the staff required to care for the over 1000 horses housed at Santa Anita be able to continue their work, subject to appropriate precautions such as PPE and maintaining social distance. They have done this well, and maintained an excellent record concerning staying safe from infection. What may not be apparent to some who are not familiar with the practices of horse racing is that the number of people required to conduct racing in the afternoons is dwarfed by the number involved in horse care. Gate workers, riders, and trainers of horses racing amount to a few dozen people, most of them also involved in horse care in the mornings. There is very little if any incremental risk of the pandemic to conducting racing and horse care, compared to only horse care. It is also true that racing is the way that all involved in the enterprise of horse racing earn their living. In the absence of that income, I cannot fathom how we would begin to give racehorses the kind of care they deserve going forward.

I realize that TSG made a detailed proposal to the County concerning the terms and procedures of resuming racing, which likely goes into far more detail about how they believe they can do so safely. My opinions echo theirs, so I do not need to repeat their arguments, only to endorse them.

Here's wishing you and yours the best of health in this trying time.

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Best Regards,

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All truths are easy to understand once they are discovered;  
the point is to discover them. Galileo Galilei (1564 - 1642).

**From:** [Dan Cronin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** California racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:55:52 PM

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OK time to stop the politics out there and get racing back going ASAP. THis is a complete farce and everyone in the real part of the country knows it. They have the safety in place and the horses need to run the people need to earn money. Let's just drop the act that this is for safety and stop the left wing stall tactics. It is getting old out there and all of horse racing is very close to stopping our support of anything California real soon.

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Thank you for your consideration,

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## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Alfred Rodriguez <arod52@gmail.com>  
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**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Reopen Santa Anita

Sirs,

There are so many of us in the LA area that depend on racing especially through our care for thoroughbred horses that we need Santa Anita to reopen. This almost makes a difference for some of us between providing for ourselves and families and having to ask local charitable groups for assistance. We would rather take care of ourselves but that is only possible if you bring horse racing back.

PLEASE!

Alfredo

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Jelani Hendrix <jelanih@seiu2015.org>  
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**Cc:** April Verrett; Scott Mann  
**Subject:** Public comment  
**Attachments:** Daisy Lopez CNA Statement LA Rehab.BOS.Testimony.docx; LA County BOS Statement.docx; Dolores Solorzano Statement CNA East Terrace.docx

Attached you will find our public comment documents for the LA County Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information.

## Cortez, Katelyn

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**From:** esp3800@aol.com  
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**Subject:** Notes on BOS meeting April 28, 2020

### General Public Comment:

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Sent: Sun, Apr 26, 2020 11:56 am

Subject: Fwd: LOS ANGELES ALERT Fwd: Brown Act Complaint - Cure and Correct Letter

Hope everyone is feeling well and staying safe. The attorneys deserve your respect, but honestly  
Public integrity cannot be achieved w/out public comment **SOS**

And it's critical. If you read the attached pdf it's one more example... via public comments.

So fire up the mics, ladies and sir. Federal court... over public comment, at this time is unthinkable.

So choose a sustainable narrative. Hint: Public Comment is not negotiable.

Eric Preven

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Madame District Attorney,

Once again, electing to do NOTHING during this period to protect public integrity of the many confusing and murky  
dealings at LA City Council and LA County BOS is not appropriate.

### What public interest is served by denying public comment?

#### In Oregon...

“Public participation in government decision-making is fundamental to our representative form of  
government,” “While the COVID-19 crisis has changed the way we live, work, and operate, we still must  
ensure that every voice is heard by elected officials and other policymakers and that the critical functions  
of local government can continue unimpeded.”

Governments throughout Oregon are directed to hold public meetings and hearings by telephone, online,  
or through in-person meetings with “appropriate social distancing measures.” It also waives any  
requirements for in-person public testimony **if it can be made by any other means.**

"All government entities are still expected to ensure their processes provide equal access to all Oregonians, and that their processes for virtual public participation **do not impact accessibility**,"

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Governor-Brown-orders-that-Oregon-local-governments-work-to-continue-public-meetings-during-COVID-19-shutdown-569696571.html>

"For a long time, there has been discussion and controversy among council members on the importance of public comment," Nowacki said. While Nowacki acknowledges that many people don't frequently attend public meetings, **one of the many casualties of the COVID-19 virus will be public meetings because officials may see holding virtual meetings as an alternative.**

#### In Washington...

A jurisdiction of about 50,000 with far fewer resources than the great LA County who just poured over \$1.2M to update its telecast equipment package, provide simple instructions:

**How to submit written public comment:** Written public comments may be submitted to [commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com](mailto:commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com) by 9 a.m. on the date of the meeting.

**How to sign up for verbal public comment:** If you wish to make verbal public comments during the meeting, you must sign up in advance by 9 a.m. the day of the meeting by emailing [commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com](mailto:commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com).

Please indicate the method in which you will be giving public comments (computer or phone). Only those persons that **sign up in advance** will be called on to make verbal public comment during the meeting. Individual public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.

While AECOM and many other treasured partners are permitted to continue full steam ahead, the board and council, should be held accountable at public meetings that fulfill the meaning and spirit of public comment. #WashYourHands #NothingAboutUsWithoutUs

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2020-04-24/coronavirus-construction-jobs>

The public understand the Covid issues but hundreds of items have blown past without public comment. Submitting a writing may or may not be a protected right, but Sheila Kuehl the 3rd district supervisor has made it very clear that she feels she is NOT required to listen to public comment.

We take the supervisor at face value, however, if the board does not remedy the situation before Tuesday, and denies the public right to comment, we will consider a judicial remedy.

**ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PLEASE, NOT AGAIN. THIS IS LIKE NOT THE PLACE TO START TALKING TO THAT DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY AFTER I BEGIN. WE HAVE BOARD RULES ABOUT CONDUCT. I'D LIKE ADDED "SUPERVISORS SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO THE PUBLIC."

**MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** EXCUSE ME, SIR. PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

**ERIC PREVEN:** EXCUSE ME, MA'AM. SHE'S SPEAKING TO A DEPUTY DURING THIS EVENT.

**MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

**ERIC PREVEN:** I'M ON TOPIC. OKAY, FINE, YEAH, FAIR ENOUGH.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S HAVE SOME ORDER.

**SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE FIRST AMENDMENT REQUIRES THAT YOU BE ABLE TO SPEAK, NOT THAT WE ARE FORCED TO LISTEN.

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THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



**ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, I WILL LOOK INTO THAT. THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. THE SUPERVISOR IS IN A

Kindly confirm receipt.

Eric Preven  
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-----Original Message-----

From: SCOPE <[exec-scope@earthlink.net](mailto:exec-scope@earthlink.net)>  
To: [executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov) <[executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>; Public Hearing

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Cc: [ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov); [fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org](mailto:fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org); Dean Walraff <[dw@aenv.org](mailto:dw@aenv.org)>  
Sent: Wed, Apr 15, 2020 2:12 pm  
Subject: Re: Brown Act Complaint - Cure and Correct Letter

This correspondence was sent to you of April 13th, Monday, at which time we asked for confirmation of receipt of the correspondence. We have received no reply. Would you please acknowledge receipt. Thank you  
Lynne Plambeck

-----Original Message-----

From: SCOPE  
Sent: Apr 13, 2020 9:52 AM  
To: "executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov" , Public Hearing , Sup Hilda , Sup Janice , Sup Kathryn , Sup Mark , Sup Sheila , [mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov)  
Cc: [ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov), [fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org](mailto:fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org), Dean Walraff  
Subject: Brown Act Complaint - Cure and Correct Letter

Please find our Notice of Brown Act Violation/Cure and Correct Demand attached. Please acknowledge its receipt to this email address.

Reply Reply All Forward

#### **19. Safely Reopening Los Angeles County**

**7 days** to develop a plan to engage the business community and our labor partners in any plans to relax restrictions of the Safer at Home directive to allow for adequate input and preparations to re-open under the physical distancing and face-covering public health guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19

**20. A partnership between the public workforce system and employers as they start to rehire, including existing and new options to upskill existing staff; between education, labor, industry, the public workforce system, community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations and business organizations, like chambers of commerce**, to identify worker retraining, apprenticeship opportunities and job placement

-- Crazy! Board has too much on it's plate.

**40-B. Los Angeles County Together: In Service of Our Neighbors Fundraiser?**

-- See unnecessary... Mayor's Fund is already as problematic conflict.

**40 H, Cooling Centers for Los Angeles County Residents Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Hahn: Instruct the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Director of Public Health and other relevant Departments, to ensure ongoing access to cooling centers across the County, with adherence to all provisions of the Health Officer Order. (20-2377) Motion by Supervisor Hahn**

**Thank you. Humane.**

**38. Settlement of the Matter Entitled, Nicholas Rodriguez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled, Nicholas Rodriguez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 632837 in the amount of \$2,000,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.**

**Litigations are costing us more than ever before and Sheila Kuehl doesn't want input.**

**17. Digital Access During the COVID-19 Pandemic Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Hahn: Direct the Chief Executive Officer, the Acting Director of Internal Services and relevant Departments, to report back to the Board in 15 days with a plan to provide access to communities that lack digital connectivity (access to the internet for residents and businesses is necessary to apply for any economic relief programs); and direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Acting Director of Internal Services to work with private partners to increase access to hardware, internet access and digital literacy training for residents and businesses, particularly in unincorporated areas of the County that lack the high-speed, quality internet access at home. (20-2243)**

**This one of the main reasons... the bad virtual meetings you have been holding are not legal.**

**18. Ratifying the Executive Order of the Chair of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Authorizing the County Counsel to Initiate Litigation against the City of Norwalk to Protect People Experiencing Homelessness from COVID-19 and to Prevent Interference with Project Roomkey and Related Programs**

**Initiate a litigation... Judge Carter, get in here!**

**13. Cornucopia Foundation's Malibu Farmers' Market Fee at the Malibu Civic Center Fee Waiver Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Kuehl: Waive the \$175 per-day permit fee and a \$250 per-day cleaning deposit for use of the County-owned parking lot at the Malibu Civic Center, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for the Cornucopia Foundation's farmers' market, to be held each Sunday from January 5, 2020 through June 30, 2020. (20-2290)**

**Tasteful grant.**

**7. Director of Parks and Recreation to execute an amendment to the lease between the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (LAPA) and the County for a one-time transfer of \$180,000 to LAPA for public safety and deferred maintenance projects (Projects)**

**Tasteful absurd upcharge... to mow through even more prop a money. Pension spiking Laura Zucker was a timeless classic.**

**9. Response to the Sheriff's Request to Transfer Funds from Provisional Financing Uses, Lift the Hiring Freeze and Realign Budgeted Revenues**

**Get it together.**

**10. Natural Resources Group, LLC, for an additional duration of two years and with an increase to the existing contract amount not to exceed \$500,000 <http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145360.pdf>**

## **FLASHLIGHT**

23. Public Defender and District Attorney Lease

The total rent and parking amount payable to the Landlord under both of the proposed leases is estimated at \$4,275,000 <http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145308.pdf>

**Waste of resources... shameful parking rates.**

### **5. Ethnic and Hyperlocal Community Outreach**

The workgroup conducted outreach to various publications and Chambers of Commerce, engaging Rick Schwartz {DYER News}, Rosa Berumen (La Opinion), Brandon Brooks (LA Sentinel), and Jessica Duboff {LA County Chamber of Commerce) to identify opportunities to partner together and increase outreach to the vendor community on County solicitations.

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145439.pdf>

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145476.pdf>

**But in general, we do not want to further enrich Danny Bakewell. #BeenThereDoneThat**  
<https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/los-angeles/14210-taste-of-soul-needs-some-soul-searching>

**The government agencies should not be treated like banks and auto dealers. They should allowed to attend to do outreach without enriching one guy.**

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To: CLK\_COUNCILAGENDAS <[CLK\\_COUNCILAGENDAS@LISTSERV.LACITY.ORG](mailto:CLK_COUNCILAGENDAS@LISTSERV.LACITY.ORG)>

Sent: Fri, Jun 28, 2019 4:18 pm

Subject: 07/02/2019 10:00 AM - REVISED - Los Angeles City Council Agenda

TITLE: REVISED - Los Angeles City Council Agenda

DATE: 07/02/2019

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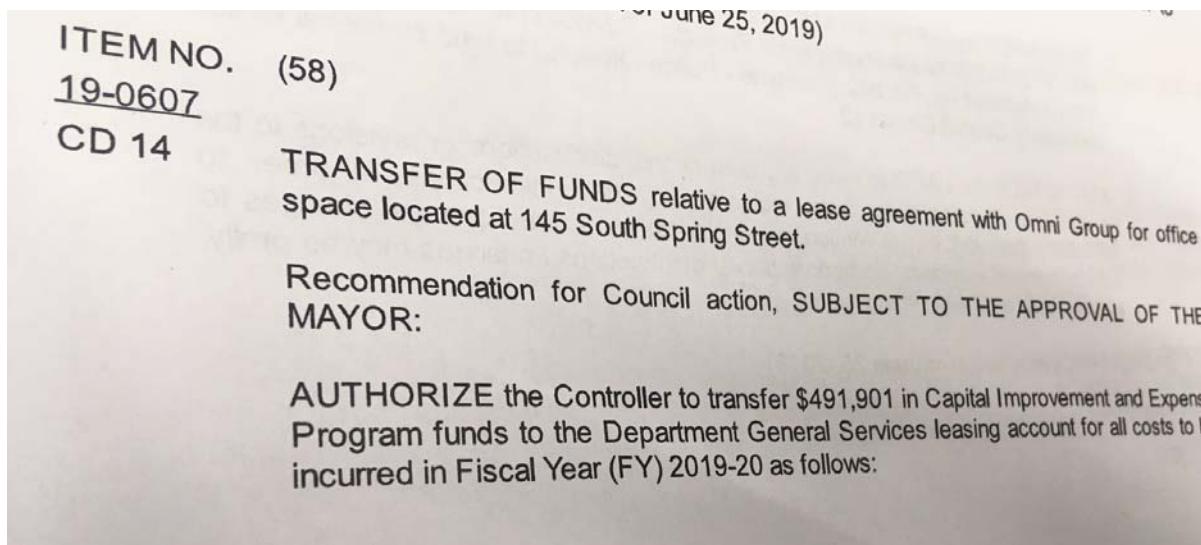
To: holly.wolcott <[holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org)>; jlacey <[jlacey@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:jlacey@da.lacounty.gov)>

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Sent: Fri, Jun 28, 2019 3:01 pm

Subject: Correction Request:

The below erroneous post — the correct name is Onni - may have been intentional. There is evidence of major dirty tricks in Tuesday's 111 item (cluster bunch) agenda. It is very likely Avak in Sharon Tso's office who is responsible for the deceptive ways.



This is a formal invitation to have a district attorney attend the meeting.

Kindly confirm receipt and repost the corrected agenda. Also there are two distinct but similar \$80,000 gifts of public funds to Danny Bakewell's Taste of Soul. Is it also an error? Or just another in a series of errors in judgement.

Not cool at all. And both Lacey and Wesson are in fundraising mode for elections.

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Sent from my iPhone

**Subject: 6) Booth rental at the Taste of Soul**

It's \$1000 for a non food booth -- if you want a tent for sun shade (10x10) it's **\$1200** plus insurance (+/- \$75)

It's \$1500 for food booth -- if you want a tent for sun shade (10x10) it's **\$1700** plus insurance (+/- \$150)

Crenshaw from Stocker to Rodeo .9 mile.

.9 mile = 4752 ft.

316 on one side (15 ft.) \$300,000 - \$470,000

316 on other side (15 ft.) \$300,000 - \$470,000

I assume this great event is well worth it for businesses who choose to rent from Bakewell, but a number of them may do it as a loss leader.

Dunno.

1) \$300,000 in County of LA payments to Taste of Soul since 2015

November 9, 2017 -- LA [Watts Times](#), Coverage of Ridley-Thomas launching new office on Crenshaw (near Sentinel!)

\$100,000 2017

\$100,000 2016

\$100,000 2015

County

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/116512.pdf>

<http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/104733.pdf>

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/98115.pdf>

I cannot believe MRT bought himself a 'self-promotion' package... this is obviously a late in his term 'mad-with-power' move...

<https://lasentinel.net/tag/herb-wesson>

<https://www.lamayor.org/mayor-garcetti-appoints-pamela-bakewell-city-los-angeles-commission-status-women>

Google and Facebook Take Aim at Fake News Sites - The New York Times

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/15/technology/google-will-ban-websites-that-host-fake-news-from-using-its-ad-service.html?action=click&contentCollection=DealBook&module=Trending&version=Full@ion=Marginalia&pgtype=article>

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From: Eric Preven <[esp3800@aol.com](mailto:esp3800@aol.com)>

To: Karen Kolesnikow <[kkfoshay@gmail.com](mailto:kkfoshay@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tue, Nov 21, 2017 3:36 pm

Subject: 2) \$596,000 in City of LA payments to Taste of Soul since 2011

**City of Los Angeles -- \$596,000**

(2011 - 2017)

**City of Los Angeles - - \$40,500**

(2008-2009)

City \$15,000 [?]

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0984-S1\\_mot\\_06-03-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0984-S1_mot_06-03-2016.pdf)

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Sent: Fri, Oct 27, 2017 7:19 am

Subject: Taste of Soul "outside the City payment process" // Re: CA Public Records Act Response

Mr. Galperin,

I would like to take a minute to once again thank staff. Thx, staff.

Curiosity has been rising as to whether the payments of over **\$450,000** since 2012 that were made for the Taste of Soul event were "outside the City payment process", as Mr. McNeely appears to be alleging. (see below links)

Please confirm one way or the other, as the city has significant unmet needs

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1092\\_mot\\_09-26-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1092_mot_09-26-2017.pdf)

McNeely's assessment!

\$11,000 McNeely's catch!

\$240,000 2015, 2016, 2017

+\$210,000 2012, 2013, 2014

**\$461,000 Taste of Soul w/** Mother's in Action

Kudos.

1) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s4\\_mot\\_10-13-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s4_mot_10-13-2017.pdf)

Wow...this link from October 13, 2017 constitutes a contribution of **\$80,000** in city Funding, which is evidently needed to support the efforts of Mothers in Action for this year's Taste of Soul event.

2) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s3\\_mot\\_11-22-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s3_mot_11-22-2016.pdf)

I THEREFORE MOVE that **\$80,000** in the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2016 Taste of Soul event.

3) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-S2\\_mot\\_07-28-2015.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-S2_mot_07-28-2015.pdf)

This effort is of special benefit for the residents of the City and for CD, 8 9 and 10 and deserves financial assistance from the City.

I THEREMOVE MOVE that **\$80,000** in the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2015 Taste of Soul event.

4) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s1\\_mot\\_06-24-2014.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s1_mot_06-24-2014.pdf)

1. That **\$80,000** in the Council District 10 portion of the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2014 Taste of Soul event in Council District 10.

5) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693\\_mot\\_1-8-14\\_0001.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693_mot_1-8-14_0001.pdf)

I FURTHER MOVE that \$18,000 in the Council District 10 portion of the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 [TOTAL **\$65,000**] be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2013 Taste of Soul event in Council District 10

I THEREFORE MOVE that **\$65,000** in the Council District 10 portion of the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2012 Taste of Soul event in Council District 10.

6) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2012/12-0539-S8\\_mot\\_08-03-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2012/12-0539-S8_mot_08-03-2016.pdf)

The attached revised List of Citywide Special Events has been prepared by the CLA with the assistance and cooperation of Council District offices. Sufficient funds have been made available in the Citywide Special Event account, administered by the City Clerk, in support of subsidy requests.

Taste of Soul subsidy **\$5903**

7) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2006/06-2510-s1\\_mot\\_10-1-08.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2006/06-2510-s1_mot_10-1-08.pdf)

The Sentinel News and Mothers in Action are sponsoring the "Taste of Soul October 18, 2008, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Council District Ten has received a request that the City provide certain services and declare this function a Special Event. Approval of this request will mean that an estimated **\$5,903** in fees and salary costs **will be absorbed by the City**. (Event Coordinator: Brenda Marsh-Mitchell- 323/299-3800 and Fax No. 310/410-4924).

Eric Preven

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## Cortez, Katelyn

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**From:** Susan Goldsworthy <Susan@nahai.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:26 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Meeting on April 28, 2020 -Agenda Items 14, 19, 20 for Santa Anita Park Live Racing to Resume

Dear LA County Board of Supervisors and Health Department:

Regarding the subject meeting and agenda items numbers, I strongly request that live spectatorless racing be resumed as soon as possible at Santa Anita. The lives of many men, women, and children depend on the income and healthcare benefits generated by the racing. There is no reason to shut it down. This type of racing has been conducted at the major race tracks of Oaklawn, Arkansas, Tampa Bay Downs, Florida, and at Gulfstream Park, Florida throughout the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown without incident. The people who live and work at the track are hardworking, dedicated individuals who take great pride in their work. They are abiding by all safety protocols and should not be penalized when the spectatorless racing endangers no one to the spread of the virus. All the pony riders and workers at the gates wear masks and gloves. No one else is allowed on the track. I am a law-abiding taxpayer, and I think shutting down the racing in the first place was just mean spirited. Los Alamitos has had racing continue. You must let common sense come to your decision. PLEASE. There are more than 750 backstretch workers affected by the shutdown!! This is not a small number!! The California economy needs to get moving again and this would be a good place to start. It would be a great encouragement to people.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely and respectfully,

**SUSAN GOLDSWORTHY**

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## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Patrick Perez <specializedcurrency@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Meeting of April 28, 2020

I am a resident of the city of Glendora, and I am writing to address agenda items 14, 19, and 20 at the board meeting of 28 April 2020. I am in support of resuming thoroughbred racing at Santa Anita Park, effective immediately. The protocols in place ensure the safe running of racing and the many positive economic impacts it imparts. There is no justifiable reason to further restrict racing at Santa Anita. Thank you.

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Patrick Ian Perez, Editor  
Coin Dealer Newsletter

[http://secure-web.cisco.com/1Njoppgp8v1ukyhAV2CZR-Rr3Wmx4PdHIMWj0OOHFENxqWldM4tzsOPk915sslRIinQaVGQxUcGgGfGpGWAdnGX0tReykI8TtOEwQQQXk4P7vZU1A1VRRavb1dKi0kG2kaCh2GgioE\\_R7GhIIuVehn7VWCFZXcL-To4aCN0qQUwsj3EBgU0bXA87n7290n505n7BoUPUOeyTWelW7RsjQ4SMBk1OQk-xGQqOKPiMf3IHXwc5Elf13MNVXbWmCrhTrAna8VdC2xYtLVQVOE\\_xEdrCekjV6TMO7LqgivJL8DYPG9MpWODBYYAt6wQA\\_cujFnwsuK4YRxfgmsfXYmFzi-IeHDqYJYN7GDnrBqoyeuGVJ14iIygd\\_ekVbc7Vi1utzH-Mb2ypdzj3kOLifT7iYEg/http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdnpublishing.com](http://secure-web.cisco.com/1Njoppgp8v1ukyhAV2CZR-Rr3Wmx4PdHIMWj0OOHFENxqWldM4tzsOPk915sslRIinQaVGQxUcGgGfGpGWAdnGX0tReykI8TtOEwQQQXk4P7vZU1A1VRRavb1dKi0kG2kaCh2GgioE_R7GhIIuVehn7VWCFZXcL-To4aCN0qQUwsj3EBgU0bXA87n7290n505n7BoUPUOeyTWelW7RsjQ4SMBk1OQk-xGQqOKPiMf3IHXwc5Elf13MNVXbWmCrhTrAna8VdC2xYtLVQVOE_xEdrCekjV6TMO7LqgivJL8DYPG9MpWODBYYAt6wQA_cujFnwsuK4YRxfgmsfXYmFzi-IeHDqYJYN7GDnrBqoyeuGVJ14iIygd_ekVbc7Vi1utzH-Mb2ypdzj3kOLifT7iYEg/http%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdnpublishing.com)

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Dean Francois <deanfrancois@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:56 PM  
**To:** Supervisor Janice Hahn (Fourth District); ExecutiveOffice; publiccomments@bos.lacounty.gov  
**Cc:** chris@campsurf.com  
**Subject:** item 19 BOS meeting april 28 strengthen orders on the beach and open them up First ahead of anything else

please have this entered into the agenda for the meeting. including my other correspondence, including from chris brown, president of the CBVA, and the activists for responsible beach activities and the 5000 signatures online petition.

see my previous letter, include that as well.

We am opposed to any reopening or softening of the cavona orders until the beaches are opened.

it makes no sense to put others at risk opening parts of our economy when we have not opened up open space and beaches first. this is what the public demands first and foremost

it is consistent with the governors orders for essential outdoor athletic activities

we need an ordinance that police can enforce if that is what it takes to open up. i would suggest an ordinance all adults over 12 must stay 6 foot apart./ let at least the beach cities deal with it below MDR.

there is no proof that virus is linked to outdoor beach activities.

this is not softening, it is logic and common sense.

it is safer and opens us up instead of pushing us to parks and other condensed spaces.

On Tue, Mar 24, 2020 at 4:19 PM deanfrancois <[deanfrancois@gmail.com](mailto:deanfrancois@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Ms Hahn;

I am glad you are recovering well And hopefully the next supervisor's meeting we have a process to allow out public input. I would like to get information on that.

I am not pleased that the nets were taken down on our beaches. The police have not done enough to inform people. But volleyball playing and ball playing with gloves on at 6 ft distancing should be acceptable no matter how bad the virus is spreading.

More importantly than that, the press is over exaggerating the crowds on beaches. The crowds are on the roads entryways and walk paths. The beaches allows us to walk with much space around us and will improve the overall health of our community. We should close parking lots and give cities all the tools they have to close parking spaces so that people can walk from their homes in their communities.

Dean Francois  
Hermosa Beach  
Sierra club political chair

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Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9.

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Dean Francois

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<http://www.geocities.ws/savethestrand/>

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Donna Carlson <donnanbri@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:54 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Horse racing at Santa Anita

Dear LA county board of Supervisors

I am writing to voice my support for the 750 backstretch workers that are at risk of losing their income. their home. their healthcare and their way of life. The back stretch of a race track is a very unique community of hardworking people that are devoted to caring for the thoroughbred racehorse. The shutdown of Santa Anita is causing a undue hardship to be placed on the horse racing community when it does not have to be. Santa Anita has gone to great lengths to ensure that horse racing can continue in a way that does not put a strain on the well being and health of the surrounding communities and even though it will be sometime before the public will be able to be in attendance, please allow racing to resume. Do not let this virus destroy their lives and their safe haven. Their fate rest in your hands. You have the opportunity to do something very positive here and save the livelihood of a group of hardworking people. Horse racing has been good for the county and the state of California. They deserve this chance to resume their operations.

Respectfully your s

Donna Carlson

## Cortez, Katelyn

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**From:** Mariesa Samba <mariesa@g.ucla.edu>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:06 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Fwd: Public Comment RE Motion Response to the Sheriff's Request to Transfer Funds from Provisional Financing Uses, Lift the Hiring Freeze, and Realign Budgeted Revenues

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From: **Mariesa Samba** <[mariesa@g.ucla.edu](mailto:mariesa@g.ucla.edu)>  
Date: Mon, Apr 27, 2020 at 5:01 PM  
Subject: Public Comment RE Motion Response to the Sheriff's Request to Transfer Funds from Provisional Financing Uses, Lift the Hiring Freeze, and Realign Budgeted Revenues  
To: <[executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>

My name is Mariesa Samba. I am a Social Welfare graduate student at UCLA, researcher at the Ralph J. Bunche Center's Million Dollar Hoods Project and a member of the Justice LA Coalition.

I urge the County to reconsider the Sheriff's request to transfer Funds from Provisional Financing Uses, Lift the Hiring Freeze, and Realign Budgeted Revenues.

The nature of the current Covid-19 pandemic restricts law enforcement from arresting and booking individuals at the rate it would normally. This creates a handicap on law enforcement ability to act as first responded. Instead we must invest in alternatives that rehabilitate and care for those impacted by Covid-19.

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**Mariesa Samba**

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## Cortez, Katelyn

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**From:** Elise Knight <ecarts@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:36 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** BOS meeting April 28, 2020 - Comments on Items 14, 19, and 20 Reopening Santa Anita

would like to comment on the items you will consider in the meeting tomorrow with respect to the conduct of live racing at Santa Anita and the fate of the people and animals that reside and work there.

I have been going to the races at Santa Anita since I was in grade school. It is regarded by racing fans world-wide as one of the most beautiful and gracious racing venues in the United States. It is internationally known and respected. I am aware of the horse deaths that occurred during the winter of 2019. I read about how the sport is covered by mainstream media driven by sound bites and 15-second info-nuggets that really do not educate anybody, but are guaranteed to incense. I grew up reading about horse racing in the L.A. Times and am saddened by how the sport I love is now largely ignored by local news media and how little people understand about the sport and industry. Much of the fault lies with organic problems with how the sport lacks centralized leadership, and has done a poor job of communicating to existing and potential fans. All of this is perhaps a long way of saying that as a life-long resident of Los Angeles County I think Santa Anita is a special gem that should be treasured for its historic legacy, it's status as an international venue, and as an economic presence in the County.

It is my understanding that the BOS are reluctant to allow live racing to return to Santa Anita since it was closed by the health department. I have never been able to find a comment or reason for this except that racing is considered to be a "non essential" business. I am living the COVID quarantine and I see where people go to recreate and, if this is the reason the BOS will decide it should remain closed, that makes absolutely no sense. I do not sense that the owners of Santa Anita racetrack, or the hundreds of people who live there, are trying to assert that horse racing is somehow an "essential" business. It is, however, a very unique economic and social ecosystem uniquely situated to be able to conduct live racing, with no public attendance, without putting at risk either the employees or the public at large. Some of the relevant considerations I urge you to consider:

1. Horses require 24-hour care 7 days a week. They must be fed and exercised. The racetrack owners have instituted, and will continue to maintain, protocols that maintain the safety of the people who live and work at the track and who much take care of the animals.
2. It takes few additional people to run live racing. I watch live racing at the few other track that are open. They are not like the meat packing workers who were required to work even though at risk. The race tracks have instituted safety protocols for all workers. It not only can be done, it is being done.
3. The economic engine that allows horses to be fed, to receive veterinary care, that allows workers to receive health care and essential services, is wagering. If races are not run, no income is generated. Horse racing is its own economic ecosystem that is driven by wagering. Live racing can be conducted and wagering occurs online. It is televised. Some day I hope to return to the racetrack to see the beautiful thoroughbred athletes. But now I will place online wagers and view the sport on television. To not allow live racing at Santa Anita puts at risk people who are essentially working without pay. Yes there are many people who have been economically displaced by the business closures implemented to control the spread of COVID-19, but why anyone in a politically responsible position would intentionally put people who can be gainfully employed without risking COVID-19 infection is beyond me.

There are many other risky venues open to large numbers of the public (several beaches, the Arboretum). It makes no sense to not allow live racing at a venue that will remain closed to the public and that has implemented safety protocols

for employees. How many cases of COVID-19 have been reported from the Santa Anita racetrack community? They were very proactive in closing early on.

As each state contemplates how to safely ramping up economic activity, I hope the BOS will do the right thing and acknowledge the proven ability of Santa Anita race track to safely conduct its business without endangering the health of the public at large, or its employees. The matter is all the more head-scratching because people who claim to be concerned about the horses are not making decisions that are in their best interest.

Once Santa Anita is able to re-open to the public, I urge you to visit and admire the unmatched beauty of thoroughbred horses do what they do best.

Sincerely,

Elise and Richard Knight

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Jelani Hendrix <jelanih@seiu2015.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:25 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice; Jordan, Dorinne  
**Subject:** Aprils Public Comment  
**Attachments:** LA County BOS Statement.FINAL.docx

Hello,

Please use this version for public comment.

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** JJ V <da1only7474@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:49 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Well being horses and workers

To whom it may concern:

I am a life long racing fan. Please for the sake of all the workers and horses at Santa Anita, please let them operate with no fans. Money that is bet in the races and the purses of the races, help feed and employ many! Money also needs to be generated to feed the horses! Wallets of many owners are running dry to keep employees there that feed and take care of the horses. It's mind boggling that the Arboretum next door is packed with customers, but Santa Anita cannot race without fans!

Sent from my iPhone

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** scottlalo@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:51 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** We Support Horse Racing

Hello please resume horse racing at Santa Anita with all of the proper precautions.

Thank you!

Scott La Loggia  
CHRB Licensed Owner

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** karenaway@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Support Racing

In light of the gardens across from Santa Anita being open for visitors, I suggest you open Santa Anita for training and racing without spectators in the stands. Jobs are at stake and the animals in the care of the grooms and trainers need exercise and care.

Thank you.

**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Rick Lochner <eslpractices@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:17 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Santa Anita

Please allow Santa Anita to reopen for racing. Its closure will cause an immediate humanitarian issue while simultaneously destroying the industry in the state. You would also be essentially rendering significant investment worthless without compensation.

They were operating responsibly re Covid when shut down and have improved the operating plan since then.

## Cortez, Katelyn

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**From:** Jeannie Malone <jeanniemalone222@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:58 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Track - please allow racing to resume

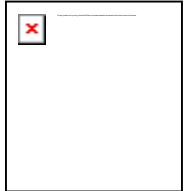
Santa Anita Race Track - please allow racing to resume

More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing their income, their home, their healthcare, and their way of life without the financial support that live racing provides. Many programs are directly funded by the money taken in, allowing aftercare for horses, healthcare for humans, and many other fundamental necessities. Let us advocate for the many who care for our horses each and every day.

Please allow this track to Open!

Respectfully,  
*Jeannie Malone*  
[jeanniemalone222@gmail.com](mailto:jeanniemalone222@gmail.com)

619-607-5300



**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Ken Kawaguchi <kawaguchik@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:35 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Santa Anita

Please resume horse racing. Support for the racing industry is critical. Many safety protocols have been implemented and the livelihood of all is in jeopardy. Thanks Ken Kawaguchi 

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Peter Finch <peterfinch@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:28 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Santa Anita

To Whom It May Concern,

If it can be done without spectators, and with all necessary precautions, I would respectfully urge you to reopen Santa Anita racetrack. I make my request out of concern for those whose livelihood depends on the track being open, as well as concern for those beautiful horses, and because I love the sport.

Thank you.

Peter Finch

550 Cypress Ave  
Moss Beach, CA 94038  
cell: (415) 577-0606

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**From:** esp3800@aol.com  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:04 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice  
**Subject:** Notes on BOS meeting April 28, 2020

**General Public Comment:**

-----Original Message-----

To: [shamai@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:shamai@ceo.lacounty.gov) <[shamai@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:shamai@ceo.lacounty.gov)>  
Cc: [kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov) <[kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [MarkRidley-thomas@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:MarkRidley-thomas@bos.lacounty.gov) <[MarkRidley-thomas@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:MarkRidley-thomas@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov) <[firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:firstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov) <[fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:fourthdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [sheila@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:sheila@bos.lacounty.gov) <[sheila@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:sheila@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [pio@isd.lacounty.gov](mailto:pio@isd.lacounty.gov) <[pio@isd.lacounty.gov](mailto:pio@isd.lacounty.gov)>; [PIO@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:PIO@bos.lacounty.gov) <[PIO@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:PIO@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [czavala@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:czavala@bos.lacounty.gov) <[czavala@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:czavala@bos.lacounty.gov)>; [BKehoe@cio.lacounty.gov](mailto:BKehoe@cio.lacounty.gov) <[BKehoe@cio.lacounty.gov](mailto:BKehoe@cio.lacounty.gov)>; [ted.ross@lacity.org](mailto:ted.ross@lacity.org) <[ted.ross@lacity.org](mailto:ted.ross@lacity.org)>; [tips@latimes.com](mailto:tips@latimes.com) <[tips@latimes.com](mailto:tips@latimes.com)>

Sent: Sun, Apr 26, 2020 11:56 am

Subject: Fwd: LOS ANGELES ALERT Fwd: Brown Act Complaint - Cure and Correct Letter

Hope everyone is feeling well and staying safe. The attorneys deserve your respect, but honestly Public integrity cannot be achieved w/out public comment **SOS**

And it's critical. If you read the attached pdf it's one more example... via public comments.

So fire up the mics, ladies and sir. Federal court... over public comment, at this time is unthinkable.

So choose a sustainable narrative. Hint: Public Comment is not negotiable.

Eric Preven

-----Original Message-----

To: [jlacey@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:jlacey@da.lacounty.gov) <[jlacey@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:jlacey@da.lacounty.gov)>  
Cc: [mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov) <[mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov)>; [ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov) <[ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov)>; [jwhitehurst@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:jwhitehurst@counsel.lacounty.gov) <[jwhitehurst@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:jwhitehurst@counsel.lacounty.gov)>; [lhafetz@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:lhafetz@counsel.lacounty.gov) <[lhafetz@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:lhafetz@counsel.lacounty.gov)>; [itolnai@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:itolnai@counsel.lacounty.gov) <[itolnai@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:itolnai@counsel.lacounty.gov)>

Sent: Sun, Apr 26, 2020 11:19 am

Subject: LOS ANGELES ALERT Fwd: Brown Act Complaint - Cure and Correct Letter

Madame District Attorney,

Once again, electing to do NOTHING during this period to protect public integrity of the many confusing and murky dealings at LA City Council and LA County BOS is not appropriate.

**What public interest is served by denying public comment?**

**In Oregon...**

“Public participation in government decision-making is fundamental to our representative form of government,” “While the COVID-19 crisis has changed the way we live, work, and operate, we still must ensure that every voice is heard by elected officials and other policymakers and that the critical functions of local government can continue unimpeded.”

Governments throughout Oregon are directed to hold public meetings and hearings by telephone, online, or through in-person meetings with “appropriate social distancing measures.” It also waives any requirements for in-person public testimony **if it can be made by any other means.**

"All government entities are still expected to ensure their processes provide equal access to all Oregonians, and that their processes for virtual public participation **do not impact accessibility**,"

<https://www.kdrv.com/content/news/Governor-Brown-orders-that-Oregon-local-governments-work-to-continue-public-meetings-during-COVID-19-shutdown-569696571.html>

"For a long time, there has been discussion and controversy among council members on the importance of public comment," Nowacki said. While Nowacki acknowledges that many people don't frequently attend public meetings, **one of the many casualties of the COVID-19 virus will be public meetings because officials may see holding virtual meetings as an alternative.**

#### In Washington...

A jurisdiction of about 50,000 with far fewer resources than the great LA County who just poured over \$1.2M to update its telecast equipment package, provide simple instructions:

**How to submit written public comment:** Written public comments may be submitted to [commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com](mailto:commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com) by 9 a.m. on the date of the meeting.

**How to sign up for verbal public comment:** If you wish to make verbal public comments during the meeting, you must sign up in advance by 9 a.m. the day of the meeting by emailing [commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com](mailto:commissioncoordinator@portolympia.com).

Please indicate the method in which you will be giving public comments (computer or phone). Only those persons that **sign up in advance** will be called on to make verbal public comment during the meeting. Individual public comments are limited to three (3) minutes per person.

While AECOM and many other treasured partners are permitted to continue full steam ahead, the board and council, should be held accountable at public meetings that fulfill the meaning and spirit of public comment. #WashYourHands #NothingAboutUsWithoutUs

<https://www.latimes.com/business/story/2020-04-24/coronavirus-construction-jobs>

The public understand the Covid issues but hundreds of items have blown past without public comment. Submitting a writing may or may not be a protected right, but Sheila Kuehl the 3rd district supervisor has made it very clear that she feels she is NOT required to listen to public comment.

We take the supervisor at face value, however, if the board does not remedy the situation before Tuesday, and denies the public right to comment, we will consider a judicial remedy.

**ERIC PREVEN:** GREETINGS, IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PLEASE, NOT AGAIN. THIS IS LIKE NOT THE PLACE TO START TALKING TO THAT DEPUTY IMMEDIATELY AFTER I BEGIN. WE HAVE BOARD RULES ABOUT CONDUCT. I'D LIKE ADDED "SUPERVISORS SHOULD PAY ATTENTION TO THE PUBLIC."

**MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** EXCUSE ME, SIR. PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

**ERIC PREVEN:** EXCUSE ME, MA'AM. SHE'S SPEAKING TO A DEPUTY DURING THIS EVENT.

**MARY WICKHAM, COUNSEL:** SIR, PLEASE STAY ON TOPIC.

**ERIC PREVEN:** I'M ON TOPIC. OKAY, FINE, YEAH, FAIR ENOUGH.

**SUP. HILDA SOLIS, CHAIR:** OKAY, LET'S HAVE SOME ORDER.

**SUP. SHEILA KUEHL:** AS YOU WELL KNOW, THE FIRST AMENDMENT REQUIRES THAT YOU BE ABLE TO SPEAK, NOT THAT WE ARE FORCED TO LISTEN.

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February 2, 2016

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT  
THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



**ERIC PREVEN:** WELL, I WILL LOOK INTO THAT. THANK YOU. IT'S ERIC PREVEN FROM THE THIRD DISTRICT. THE SUPERVISOR IS IN A

Kindly confirm receipt.

Eric Preven  
818-762-7719  
818-645-2616 mobile

-----Original Message-----

From: SCOPE <[exec-scope@earthlink.net](mailto:exec-scope@earthlink.net)>  
To: [executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov) <[executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>; Public Hearing

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Cc: [ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov); [fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org](mailto:fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org); Dean Walraff <[dw@aenv.org](mailto:dw@aenv.org)>  
Sent: Wed, Apr 15, 2020 2:12 pm  
Subject: Re: Brown Act Complaint - Cure and Correct Letter

This correspondence was sent to you of April 13th, Monday, at which time we asked for confirmation of receipt of the correspondence. We have received no reply. Would you please acknowledge receipt. Thank you  
Lynne Plambeck

-----Original Message-----

From: SCOPE  
Sent: Apr 13, 2020 9:52 AM  
To: "executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov" , Public Hearing , Sup Hilda , Sup Janice , Sup Kathryn , Sup Mark , Sup Sheila , [mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov](mailto:mwickham@counsel.lacounty.gov)  
Cc: [ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:ayochelson@da.lacounty.gov), [fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org](mailto:fac@firstamendmentcoalition.org), Dean Walraff  
Subject: Brown Act Complaint - Cure and Correct Letter

Please find our Notice of Brown Act Violation/Cure and Correct Demand attached. Please acknowledge its receipt to this email address.

Reply Reply All Forward

#### **19. Safely Reopening Los Angeles County**

**7 days** to develop a plan to engage the business community and our labor partners in any plans to relax restrictions of the Safer at Home directive to allow for adequate input and preparations to re-open under the physical distancing and face-covering public health guidelines to reduce the spread of COVID-19

**20. A partnership between the public workforce system and employers as they start to rehire, including existing and new options to upskill existing staff; between education, labor, industry, the public workforce system, community-based organizations, nonprofit organizations and business organizations, like chambers of commerce**, to identify worker retraining, apprenticeship opportunities and job placement

-- Crazy! Board has too much on it's plate.

**40-B. Los Angeles County Together: In Service of Our Neighbors Fundraiser?**

-- See unnecessary... Mayor's Fund is already as problematic conflict.

**40 H, Cooling Centers for Los Angeles County Residents Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Hahn: Instruct the Director of the Office of Emergency Management, in consultation with the Director of Public Health and other relevant Departments, to ensure ongoing access to cooling centers across the County, with adherence to all provisions of the Health Officer Order. (20-2377) Motion by Supervisor Hahn**

**Thank you. Humane.**

**38. Settlement of the Matter Entitled, Nicholas Rodriguez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled, Nicholas Rodriguez, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC 632837 in the amount of \$2,000,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Department of Public Works' budget.**

**Litigations are costing us more than ever before and Sheila Kuehl doesn't want input.**

**17. Digital Access During the COVID-19 Pandemic Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Hahn: Direct the Chief Executive Officer, the Acting Director of Internal Services and relevant Departments, to report back to the Board in 15 days with a plan to provide access to communities that lack digital connectivity (access to the internet for residents and businesses is necessary to apply for any economic relief programs); and direct the Chief Executive Officer and the Acting Director of Internal Services to work with private partners to increase access to hardware, internet access and digital literacy training for residents and businesses, particularly in unincorporated areas of the County that lack the high-speed, quality internet access at home. (20-2243)**

**This one of the main reasons... the bad virtual meetings you have been holding are not legal.**

**18. Ratifying the Executive Order of the Chair of the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors Authorizing the County Counsel to Initiate Litigation against the City of Norwalk to Protect People Experiencing Homelessness from COVID-19 and to Prevent Interference with Project Roomkey and Related Programs**

**Initiate a litigation... Judge Carter, get in here!**

**13. Cornucopia Foundation's Malibu Farmers' Market Fee at the Malibu Civic Center Fee Waiver Recommendation as submitted by Supervisor Kuehl: Waive the \$175 per-day permit fee and a \$250 per-day cleaning deposit for use of the County-owned parking lot at the Malibu Civic Center, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for the Cornucopia Foundation's farmers' market, to be held each Sunday from January 5, 2020 through June 30, 2020. (20-2290)**

**Tasteful grant.**

**7. Director of Parks and Recreation to execute an amendment to the lease between the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (LAPA) and the County for a one-time transfer of \$180,000 to LAPA for public safety and deferred maintenance projects (Projects)**

**Tasteful absurd upcharge... to mow through even more prop a money. Pension spiking Laura Zucker was a timeless classic.**

**9. Response to the Sheriff's Request to Transfer Funds from Provisional Financing Uses, Lift the Hiring Freeze and Realign Budgeted Revenues**

**Get it together.**

**10. Natural Resources Group, LLC, for an additional duration of two years and with an increase to the existing contract amount not to exceed \$500,000 <http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145360.pdf>**

## **FLASHLIGHT**

23. Public Defender and District Attorney Lease

The total rent and parking amount payable to the Landlord under both of the proposed leases is estimated at \$4,275,000 <http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145308.pdf>

**Waste of resources... shameful parking rates.**

### **5. Ethnic and Hyperlocal Community Outreach**

The workgroup conducted outreach to various publications and Chambers of Commerce, engaging Rick Schwartz {DYER News}, Rosa Berumen (La Opinion), Brandon Brooks (LA Sentinel), and Jessica Duboff {LA County Chamber of Commerce) to identify opportunities to partner together and increase outreach to the vendor community on County solicitations.

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145439.pdf>

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/145476.pdf>

**But in general, we do not want to further enrich Danny Bakewell. #BeenThereDoneThat**  
<https://www.citywatchla.com/index.php/los-angeles/14210-taste-of-soul-needs-some-soul-searching>

**The government agencies should not be treated like banks and auto dealers. They should allowed to attend to do outreach without enriching one guy.**

-----Original Message-----

From: City Clerk <[Clerk.LSadmin@LACITY.ORG](mailto:Clerk.LSadmin@LACITY.ORG)>

To: CLK\_COUNCILAGENDAS <[CLK\\_COUNCILAGENDAS@LISTSERV.LACITY.ORG](mailto:CLK_COUNCILAGENDAS@LISTSERV.LACITY.ORG)>

Sent: Fri, Jun 28, 2019 4:18 pm

Subject: 07/02/2019 10:00 AM - REVISED - Los Angeles City Council Agenda

TITLE: REVISED - Los Angeles City Council Agenda

DATE: 07/02/2019

TIME: 10:00 AM

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From: ERIC PREVEN <[esp3800@aol.com](mailto:esp3800@aol.com)>

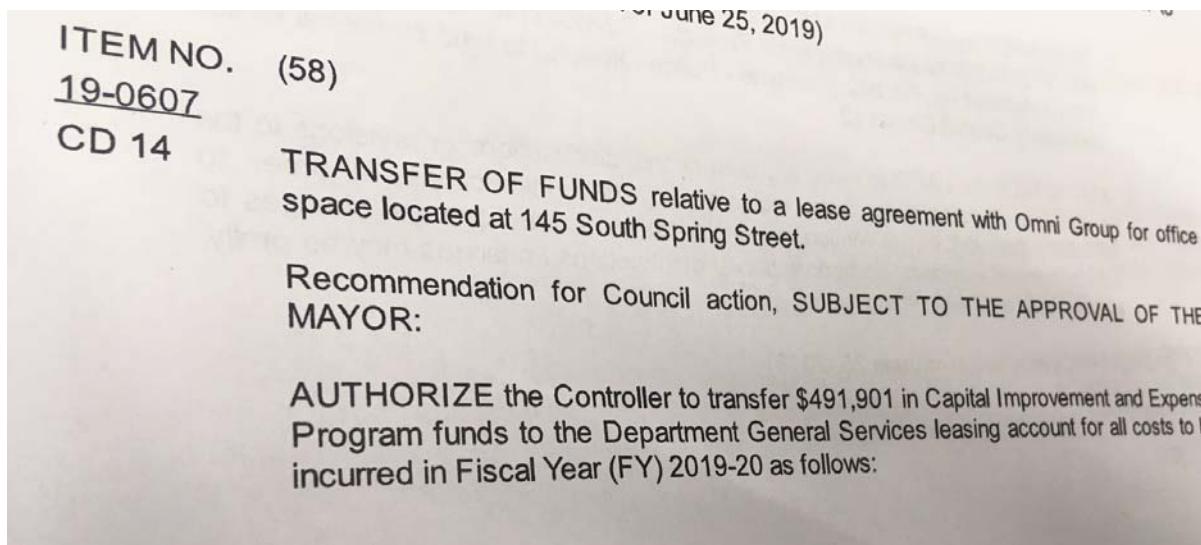
To: holly.wolcott <[holly.wolcott@lacity.org](mailto:holly.wolcott@lacity.org)>; jlacey <[jlacey@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:jlacey@da.lacounty.gov)>

Cc: eric.garcetti <[eric.garcetti@lacity.org](mailto:eric.garcetti@lacity.org)>; mike.n.feuer <[mike.n.feuer@lacity.org](mailto:mike.n.feuer@lacity.org)>; AYochelson <[AYochelson@da.lacounty.gov](mailto:AYochelson@da.lacounty.gov)>; lawrence.middleton <[lawrence.middleton@usdoj.gov](mailto:lawrence.middleton@usdoj.gov)>; sharon.tso <[sharon.tso@lacity.org](mailto:sharon.tso@lacity.org)>

Sent: Fri, Jun 28, 2019 3:01 pm

Subject: Correction Request:

The below erroneous post — the correct name is Onni - may have been intentional. There is evidence of major dirty tricks in Tuesday's 111 item (cluster bunch) agenda. It is very likely Avak in Sharon Tso's office who is responsible for the deceptive ways.



This is a formal invitation to have a district attorney attend the meeting.

Kindly confirm receipt and repost the corrected agenda. Also there are two distinct but similar \$80,000 gifts of public funds to Danny Bakewell's Taste of Soul. Is it also an error? Or just another in a series of errors in judgement.

Not cool at all. And both Lacey and Wesson are in fundraising mode for elections.

Eric Preven

818-762-7719

818-645-2616 mobile

Sent from my iPhone

**Subject: 6) Booth rental at the Taste of Soul**

It's \$1000 for a non food booth -- if you want a tent for sun shade (10x10) it's **\$1200** plus insurance (+/- \$75)

It's \$1500 for food booth -- if you want a tent for sun shade (10x10) it's **\$1700** plus insurance (+/- \$150)

Crenshaw from Stocker to Rodeo .9 mile.

.9 mile = 4752 ft.

316 on one side (15 ft.) \$300,000 - \$470,000

316 on other side (15 ft.) \$300,000 - \$470,000

I assume this great event is well worth it for businesses who choose to rent from Bakewell, but a number of them may do it as a loss leader.

Dunno.

1) \$300,000 in County of LA payments to Taste of Soul since 2015

November 9, 2017 -- LA [Watts Times](#), Coverage of Ridley-Thomas launching new office on Crenshaw (near Sentinel!)

\$100,000 2017

\$100,000 2016

\$100,000 2015

County

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/116512.pdf>

<http://file.lacounty.gov/bos/supdocs/104733.pdf>

<http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/98115.pdf>

I cannot believe MRT bought himself a 'self-promotion' package... this is obviously a late in his term 'mad-with-power' move...

<https://lasentinel.net/tag/herb-wesson>

<https://www.lamayor.org/mayor-garcetti-appoints-pamela-bakewell-city-los-angeles-commission-status-women>

Google and Facebook Take Aim at Fake News Sites - The New York Times

<http://www.nytimes.com/2016/11/15/technology/google-will-ban-websites-that-host-fake-news-from-using-its-ad-service.html?action=click&contentCollection=DealBook&module=Trending&version=Full@ion=Marginalia&pgtype=article>

-----Original Message-----

From: Eric Preven <[esp3800@aol.com](mailto:esp3800@aol.com)>

To: Karen Kolesnikow <[kkfoshay@gmail.com](mailto:kkfoshay@gmail.com)>

Sent: Tue, Nov 21, 2017 3:36 pm

Subject: 2) \$596,000 in City of LA payments to Taste of Soul since 2011

**City of Los Angeles -- \$596,000**

(2011 - 2017)

**City of Los Angeles - - \$40,500**

(2008-2009)

City \$15,000 [?]

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0984-S1\\_mot\\_06-03-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2015/15-0984-S1_mot_06-03-2016.pdf)

-----Original Message-----

From: esp3800 <[esp3800@aol.com](mailto:esp3800@aol.com)>

To: controller.galperin <[controller.galperin@lacity.org](mailto:controller.galperin@lacity.org)>

Cc: georgia.mattera <[georgia.mattera@lacity.org](mailto:georgia.mattera@lacity.org)>; donna.williams <[donna.williams@lacity.org](mailto:donna.williams@lacity.org)>; saran.phuangchoey <[saran.phuangchoey@lacity.org](mailto:saran.phuangchoey@lacity.org)>; kevin.mcneely <[kevin.mcneely@lacity.org](mailto:kevin.mcneely@lacity.org)>; shane.min <[shane.min@lacity.org](mailto:shane.min@lacity.org)>

Sent: Fri, Oct 27, 2017 7:19 am

Subject: Taste of Soul "outside the City payment process" // Re: CA Public Records Act Response

Mr. Galperin,

I would like to take a minute to once again thank staff. Thx, staff.

Curiosity has been rising as to whether the payments of over **\$450,000** since 2012 that were made for the Taste of Soul event were "outside the City payment process", as Mr. McNeely appears to be alleging. (see below links)

Please confirm one way or the other, as the city has significant unmet needs

[http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1092\\_mot\\_09-26-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2017/17-1092_mot_09-26-2017.pdf)

McNeely's assessment!

\$11,000 McNeely's catch!

\$240,000 2015, 2016, 2017

+\$210,000 2012, 2013, 2014

**\$461,000 Taste of Soul w/** Mother's in Action

Kudos.

1) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s4\\_mot\\_10-13-2017.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s4_mot_10-13-2017.pdf)

Wow...this link from October 13, 2017 constitutes a contribution of **\$80,000** in city Funding, which is evidently needed to support the efforts of Mothers in Action for this year's Taste of Soul event.

2) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s3\\_mot\\_11-22-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s3_mot_11-22-2016.pdf)

I THEREFORE MOVE that **\$80,000** in the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2016 Taste of Soul event.

3) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-S2\\_mot\\_07-28-2015.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-S2_mot_07-28-2015.pdf)

This effort is of special benefit for the residents of the City and for CD, 8 9 and 10 and deserves financial assistance from the City.

I THEREMOVE MOVE that **\$80,000** in the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2015 Taste of Soul event.

4) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s1\\_mot\\_06-24-2014.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693-s1_mot_06-24-2014.pdf)

1. That **\$80,000** in the Council District 10 portion of the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2014 Taste of Soul event in Council District 10.

5) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693\\_mot\\_1-8-14\\_0001.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2013/13-1693_mot_1-8-14_0001.pdf)

I FURTHER MOVE that \$18,000 in the Council District 10 portion of the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 [TOTAL **\$65,000**] be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2013 Taste of Soul event in Council District 10

I THEREFORE MOVE that **\$65,000** in the Council District 10 portion of the Cultural, Art and City Events line item in the General City Purposes Fund No. 100-56 be allocated for the efforts of Mothers in Action for the 2012 Taste of Soul event in Council District 10.

6) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2012/12-0539-S8\\_mot\\_08-03-2016.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2012/12-0539-S8_mot_08-03-2016.pdf)

The attached revised List of Citywide Special Events has been prepared by the CLA with the assistance and cooperation of Council District offices. Sufficient funds have been made available in the Citywide Special Event account, administered by the City Clerk, in support of subsidy requests.

Taste of Soul subsidy **\$5903**

7) [http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2006/06-2510-s1\\_mot\\_10-1-08.pdf](http://clkrep.lacity.org/onlinedocs/2006/06-2510-s1_mot_10-1-08.pdf)

The Sentinel News and Mothers in Action are sponsoring the "Taste of Soul October 18, 2008, from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Council District Ten has received a request that the City provide certain services and declare this function a Special Event. Approval of this request will mean that an estimated **\$5,903** in fees and salary costs **will be absorbed by the City**. (Event Coordinator: Brenda Marsh-Mitchell- 323/299-3800 and Fax No. 310/410-4924).

Eric Preven

CRD2

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## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** B Presse <rossco112002@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** California Horse Racing

**Categories:** Yellow Category

I love and support California Horse Racing!!!!

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** Bill Tomasic <bill.tomasic@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:26 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Back stretch workers

**Categories:** Yellow Category

The need for racing to return to Santa Anita is giving life to hard working and deserving people who have no living alternatives. Give them that right and they will meet your heath procedures.

Bill Tomasic

## Guzman, Adela

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**From:** Ferg <brianimal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** resume racing at Santa Anita

**Categories:** Yellow Category

Meeting Date: **April 28, 2020**

Agenda Numbers: **Item 14 - Worker Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 - LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery; Item 47 - General Public Comment**

Dear LA County Board of Supervisors:

For the well-being of the horses stabled at Santa Anita and the survival of the backstretch workers who care for those horses, please resume live racing at Santa Anita in a "spectator-less" format. Without the financial support live racing provides the backstretch workers are at risk of losing housing, income, and healthcare benefits, which in turn would be detrimental to the horses stabled there. To date there have been no COVID-19 cases reported at either Santa Anita Park or Los Alamitos Race Course, however, Los Alamitos (Orange County) continues to offer live racing while Santa Anita has been deemed "non-essential." The barn area of both properties are enclosed ecosystems inaccessible to the public, and Los Alamitos (as well as other race tracks across the country) have shown live racing can still be safely conducted during these times.

Frankly, it's a travesty the LA County Arboretum can remain open even in a limited fashion, while across Baldwin Avenue "spectator-less" racing is not taking place at Santa Anita Park. Please do the right thing for the horses and those who care for them and re-open racing at Santa Anita.

Brian Ferguson  
Lake Forest, CA (formerly of Arcadia, CA)

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** CynthiaMike210 <cynthiamike210@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:37 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Resume Live Racing at Santa Anita,  
  
**Categories:** Yellow Category

Dear Board of Supervisors,

I live in L.A. County 5<sup>th</sup> District (Kathryn Barger) and I am writing to urge you to allow live racing at Santa Anita to resume. I am very concerned about the effect that the prohibition of live racing has had on the back stretch workers who care for the horses at Santa Anita. If this closure continues it will have a devastating impact on these hard working people and has the potential of putting the horse population at serious risk. Opening the track to “spectatorless” racing will generate the income needed to provide housing, income and health benefits to the workers and assure that the horses will receive the care they need to survive and be healthy. I know that Santa Anita has made every effort to address safety concerns and I am confident that they will be diligent in keeping people and horses safe when racing resumes.

I know that the Board of Supervisors has been very busy during these trying times and I want you to know that I appreciate all of your hard work – you are doing a great job.

Please allow racing to resume at Santa Anita (without spectators of course).

Sincerely yours,  
Cynthia Swanson  
Monrovia, CA

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** Kevin L <kpl949@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:29 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Re-Opening

**Categories:** Yellow Category

Barger:

Santa Anita may be non-essential in your mind but you will have the blood of hundreds of out-of-work personnel from The Great Race Place on your hands if you do not allow racing NOW! No spectators, just horses running around with a guy on their backs! You're already allowing that for training!?!?

And why is the Arboretum allowed to remain ope to sold-out crowds???? UH?????

Is PETA paying your mortgage?

DO it NOW!!!!

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** Vincent Tatum <vincent@starlightracing.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Cc:** Jack Wolf  
**Subject:** Human and Equine welfare, please do the right thing!!

**Categories:** Yellow Category

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Jack Wolf, I am The managing partner for Starlight Racing, a global Thoroughbred investor, breeder, owner, and advocate. Starlight Racing is a supporter of horse racing in California with 30 horses actively training for the Californian racing.

The outbreak of Covid19 has caused many unprecedented challenges all across the world. While slowing the spread of this virus through the use of social distancing should be the priority for all governing bodies, we should also be considering the economic and social implications of the restrictions that are being put in place as well as the efficacy and necessity of these restrictions.

To date, there have been no reported cases of Covid19 at Santa Anita Park. All workers have abided by strict precautionary measures and are committed to doing so going forward. Despite the successful efforts of race participants based at Santa Anita, on March 27th, 2020, live racing was suspended. Given that there were no Covid19 cases at the track prior to this suspension, and that there have been no cases as training continues, it defies logic to restrict an activity upon which so many livelihoods are reliant.

The trainers, riders, grooms, veterinarians, farriers, racing officials, maintenance workers, and agents based at Santa Anita and in California rely on racing to make a living. Not only that, but the breeders, farm workers, sales workers of the greater Californian state and the rest of the US rely on racing to power a multi-billion dollar industry. Unnecessarily suspending racing halts an entire industry and ultimately puts all of its participants, human and equine, in jeopardy.

I ask you to take this seriously and look at the many examples of racing jurisdictions who are successfully hosting live spectatorless racing without any Covid19 implications: Los Alamitos is a great example in the State of California and outside that Florida and Arkansas are also racing successfully under health and safety protocols. Please consider the lives you are putting at risk, we are at the precipice of an unfathomable human and animal welfare crisis from which our industry may never recover.

As a stakeholder in the Thoroughbred industry, particularly in California, I am writing to you to request that you reinstate racing at Santa Anita Park as soon as possible.

Please let us race again.

Jack Wolf  
Starlight Racing

Vincent Tatum  
Starlight Racing  
(502) 643-0441

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** Chasing the Win <chasingthewin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:35 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Please let live racing resume in California

**Categories:** Yellow Category

To whom it may concern,

Live horse racing is crucial to the livelihood and economy of California and so much that please let this email serve as my plea of support for the horse racing community to resume live racing ASAP!!!

Spectator less racing should be allowed.

While I completely respect the decisions that are made, I urge the committee to allow spectator-less racing to resume. This would not only bolster the economy but allow so many vulnerable communities to sustain themselves.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Laura Sheehy

Sent from my iPhone

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** lindaphilbin <lindaphilbin@cox.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:33 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** RACING AT SANTA ANITA CA

**Categories:** Yellow Category

While, horse racing at Santa Anita in Arcadia, provides equine entertainment for many, whether they reside in CA or other states, it also provides employment for 750 individuals. My husband and I visit the track frequently and support horse racing, the backstretch workers and race horse aftercare. Santa Anita is a world class venue and merits your support.

These fantastic track employees care for their equine charges 24/7 and deserve to continue their livelihood. If Santa Anita continues to be closeted, people will not be able to pay their rent, feed their families and pay taxes

Please allow LA to run races without spectators, so people can continue to earn a living.

Sincerely

Linda Philbin

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** Mark Maronde <mmaronde@keeneland.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:33 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 Santa Anita

**Categories:** Yellow Category

Open up and help your citizens. Racing is better prepared to take care of all involved than anything you have granted to stay open in LA county.

Mark Maronde  
Mmaronde@keeneland.com

Sent from my iPhone

Mark Maronde | Keeneland Association Inc | Director of Sales Development  
4201 Versailles Rd. Lexington, KY 40510 USA | PO Box 1690 Lexington, KY 40588-1690 USA Direct Line 859-288-4386 |  
Fax 859-233-2257

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** NICHOLAS HINES <nickjhines@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:26 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** SANTA ANITA

**Categories:** Yellow Category

To Whom it may Concern:

I am reaching out to you on behalf of our horse racing industry in L.A. County to ask you to consider allowing the racing at Santa Anita to resume as it had been for two weeks last month under very strict safety protocols with limited essential people on track practicing social distancing measures in a contained environment. These horses are living creatures that require detailed care every day and that will continue during the morning training hours, which requires more people to be on track than during racing in the afternoon, not to mention the several jobs at stake and livelihoods.

Safety and health are everyone's #1 priority, but all leaders agree that taking steps to help save our economy are very important as well. Given the unique circumstances of the race track as I've detailed above, we can benefit greatly by allowing the races to resume and preventing an economic hardship for trainers, owners, employees and others during this unprecedented time.

I can be reached at (310) 714-7434 if you have any questions or would like to discuss further.

Best regards,

Nick J. Hines

**Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** Rosie <luv2travelanytime@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:26 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Santa Anita race track

**Categories:** Yellow Category

To whom it may concern:

These horses need to run to survive also the industry please consider running “spectatorless” racing back at Santa Anita

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They will follow all health department rules .

Perry and Rosie Apostle  
Long time employees since 1984

P.S. please help save our industry

Sent from iPhone.  
Please excuse spelling errors, sent from mobile device.

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** Sandra Scott <capriole57@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:26 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** please resume live racing at Santa Anita

**Categories:** Yellow Category

Dear Board Members,

I urge you to approve resumption of spectator-less live horse racing at Santa Anita Racetrack. The reasons are compelling. More than 750 workers at the race track risk losing income, housing and health benefits because live racing provides their financial support. There are zero reports of positive Corona virus infections at Santa Anita. Santa Anita Race Track implemented stringent safety measures and requires masks, gloves, and sanitizers for a contained population. Los Alamitos, a nearby track in Orange County, has live racing without any reports of the virus.

The LA County Arboretum poses a greater health risk for spreading the virus and yet it remains open, is sold out, and shuttles people into the facility.

Sincerely,  
A concerned Arcadia Citizen

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** Shannon Castagnola <SCastagnola@woodfordtb.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** We support Santa Anita workers and horses

**Categories:** Yellow Category

We support the opening of Santa Anita for spectator less racing.

Horses must be fed, cleaned and exercised and only humans can take care of those needs. Racing must operate to prevent a humanitarian and animal welfare disaster.

Shannon Castagnola  
Director of Marketing and Client Relations  
(859) 351-2736  
[Woodfordthoroughbreds.com](http://Woodfordthoroughbreds.com)

**Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** Steve Weitzner <stevekw@mac.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** SA

**Categories:** Yellow Category

You need to reopen Santa Anita for the well being of the animals and workers. No issues have occurred at active Race Tracks. Let's try and get back to normal (the best we can).

Steve Weitzner

Sent from my iPhone

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** suzanne.eassom@cox.net  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Live Racing at Santa Anita

**Categories:** Yellow Category

Re items: 14-Worker Protections; 19-Safely Reopening LA county; 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.

Live racing provides the financial support for the well-being of horses and the works who take care of them. There have been ZERO reports of positive COVID-19 infections at Santa Anita and live racing at Los Alamitos has continued unabated with ZERO reports of COVID-19.

Moreover, Santa Anita, the most beautiful and historically important racetrack in the country, and perhaps in the world, has implemented strict protocols to strengthen public health and safety for more than 750 workers, and horses. The workers, horses, the California economy, and the public would only benefit from resuming live racing at Santa Anita, and count on their income, housing and health benefits.

Please support allowing live “spectatorless” racing to resume at Santa Anita, as soon as possible.

Best regards,

Suzanne Eassom

## Guzman, Adela

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**From:** Susan Goldsworthy <Susan@nahai.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:40 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Meeting on April 28, 2020 -Agenda Items 14, 19, 20 for Santa Anita Park Live Racing to Resume  
  
**Categories:** Yellow Category

Dear LA County Board of Supervisors and Health Department:

Regarding the subject meeting and agenda items numbers, I strongly request that live spectator-less racing be resumed as soon as possible at Santa Anita. The lives of many men, women, and children depend on the income and healthcare benefits generated by the racing. There is no reason to shut it down. This type of racing has been conducted at the major race tracks at Oaklawn, Arkansas, Tampa Bay Downs, Florida, and at Gulfstream Park, Florida throughout the nationwide COVID-19 lockdown without incident. The people who live and work at the track are hardworking, dedicated individuals who take great pride in their work. They are abiding by all safety protocols and should not be penalized when the spectator-less racing endangers no one to the spread of the virus. All the pony riders and workers at the gates wear masks and gloves. No one else is allowed on the track. I am a law-abiding taxpayer, and I think shutting down the racing in the first place was just mean spirited. Los Alamitos has had racing continue. You must let common sense come to your decision. PLEASE. There are more than 750 backstretch workers affected by the shutdown!! This is not a small number!!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely and respectfully,  
**SUSAN GOLDSWORTHY**  
**MANAGER, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

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Beverly Hills, CA 90212

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**From:** [Connie Swift](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: Resuming horse racing at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:25:32 PM

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----- Forwarded Message -----

**From:** Connie Swift <[swiftres@yahoo.com](mailto:swiftres@yahoo.com)>  
**To:** PublicComments@bos.lacounty.gov <[publiccomments@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:publiccomments@bos.lacounty.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020, 03:06:46 PM PDT  
**Subject:** Resuming horse racing at Santa Anita

Horse racing was suspended at Santa Anita due to the outbreak of the COVID-19. It should be resumed because of the safety protocols that were already in place before the closing and will be continued when racing resumes.

These safety measures are successfully being used at other tracks preventing the virus spread-no spectators or unlicensed people allowed entrance and employees' temperatures are checked daily. Besides all the hand sanitizer around every corner. The track can contain the spread of COVID-19 with the safety protocols and should be the only reason considered since it was the reason of the suspension.

To continue the suspension of horse racing because of the protests of animal welfare groups is not the reason the track was closed. If these protesters truly believed in the welfare of the animals, then the people that take care of them are **ESSENTIAL** workers. They feed them, clean up after them, exercise them because horses can't do this on their own.

Horse racing generates money **ESSENTIAL** for the owners who pays for the trainers and workers, their healthcare, veterinary services, feed, track maintenance and additional improvements for the **WELFARE** of the horse.

This also puts California trained horses at a disadvantage because they will have to ship to tracks that are still racing. This is not stay-at-home. Not all of the horses' handlers are able to travel upsetting the training routines.

I am a regular spectator at Santa Anita. Since now I watch the races on TV, I miss watching our horses race on our tracks-Golden Gate included. To allow racing at CA tracks would improve the entertainment value for TVG and NBC since **no other sports are being aired**.

There is also the benefit of revenue for the state of CA.

Please consider all of the above when you make your decision.

Sincerely,  
Connie Swift

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** anne wilson <annewilson1@att.net>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Re-opening Santa Anita race track without spectators

**Categories:** Yellow Category

To the L. A. County Board of Supervisors: At the meeting of April 28, 2020, please give strong consideration to the re-opening of the Santa Anita Racetrack for afternoon racing **without** spectators. This is specifically referencing item # 14 (Worker Protections); item #19 (Safely Re-opening LA County); and item # 20( County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.) The LA County Board of Health has been presented with a very serious and well thought out set of protocols from Santa Anita officials. The livelihoods of many, many people are involved. This is not making light of ALL of the businesses that are having difficulties at this time, but help in one area can have the positive domino affect of helping others. Live racing provides financial support to the backstretch workers, to the horses and compensation for connections within the Santa Anita racing community. In other words, this would help to pay the bills.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Anne Wilson

**From:** [Warren Wilson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing At SA  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:25:27 PM

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I advocate for the resumption of racing at Santa Anita park.

Warren Wilson

**From:** [Sarah Wiltfong](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: BizFed Comments on Agenda Item 36 - Paid Sick Leave  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:25:22 PM  
**Attachments:** [LA County Paid Sick Leave 042820.pdf](#)

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Good afternoon,

Attached - please find BizFed's comments re: Paid Sick Leave, Agenda item 36 on the board of supervisors agenda.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

**Join our effort to #ProtectAllLACountyWorkers in their fight against COVID-19!**  
Click [here](#) to donate today and get involved!



**Sarah Wiltfong**  
[310.213.8742](tel:3102138742) - [sarah.wiltfong@bizfed.org](mailto:sarah.wiltfong@bizfed.org)  
[BizFed.org](#)  
Los Angeles County Business Federation  
A grassroots alliance of 180 diverse business groups mobilizing 400,000 employers

April 27, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger, Chair  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 West Temple St. #383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: County Code, Title 8 - Consumer Protection, Business and Wage  
Regulations Amendment**

Dear Chairwoman Barger,

On behalf of BizFed, a grassroots alliance of more than 195 business organizations representing 400,000 employers with over 3.5 million employees in Los Angeles County, we are writing to respectfully express some concerns with item 36 on the April 28 agenda with regards to supplemental paid sick leave.

We appreciate the county's leadership during COVID-19 and the desire protect and serve workers during the COVID-19 crisis.

As you are aware, Mayor Eric Garcetti passed his own executive order on Paid Sick Leave on April 7<sup>th</sup>. While we appreciate that the county has sought to mirror that policy, there are still some differences between that order and this ordinance that we hope the county will reconcile.

- LA County's Paid Sick Leave ordinance applies to businesses only with 500 or more employees nationwide. LA City's order applies to businesses with 500 or more in the region or 2,000 or more nationwide. We believe this prevents small businesses from being negatively impacted by this ordinance and request the ordinance reflect this.
- We also ask that section 8.200.060 "Employer Offset" be made clearer. Several of our business organizations are afraid that as currently written an employer may have to provide additional paid sick leave, even if they already provided it prior to March 31<sup>st</sup>. We believe an additional sentence would be helpful: "This section does not require an employer who provided paid sick leave prior to March 31 to provide additional sick leave above the required amount under section 8.200.030."

Thank you for your time and consideration to our concerns. If you have any questions, please contact [sarah.wiltfong@bizfed.org](mailto:sarah.wiltfong@bizfed.org).

Sincerely



Sandy Sanchez  
BizFed Chair  
FivePoint



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## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** Claudia Neal <cfneal9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:42 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Fwd: Open Horse Racing - with no attendance!  
  
**Categories:** Yellow Category

Below is related to: Agenda Item 14-Worker Protections; Item 19-Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20-LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
For: Hearing scheduled Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at 9:30 am.

I will listen and hope my e-mail makes public record in support of re-opening "spectator-less" Horse Racing in Los Angeles County.

Hello Los Angeles County,

Please seriously consider opening horse racing with zero attendance & safety measures put in place.

Reason why:

1. The workers are already in isolation together on the backstretch.
2. The horses need to race & train normally or have the chance of health issues.
3. The state of CA now more than ever needs the revenue generated from horse racing.

If Japan can implement safe measures to continue horse racing, why can't we?

Thank you for your consideration on a very important subject during COVID-19.

Sincerely,  
Claudia Neal

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Claudia Neal](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Open Horse Racing - with no attendance!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:25:19 PM

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**From:** mark\_backstrom <mark\_backstrom@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:42 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 meeting. Agenda items 19 and 20

**Categories:** Yellow Category

I am asking that you please allow Santa Anita to resume racing. Many livelihoods are at stake. I'm sure that you wouldn't want to be responsible for worsening the county's homeless problem in the middle of a pandemic.

I'm certain that their protocols are of the highest quality and those to which you should hold other entities reopening.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy Note9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone

## **Guzman, Adela**

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**From:** Oscar de la Torre <odelatorre16@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:39 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Items 14, 19 and 20 for BOS Meeting on April 28, 2020  
  
**Categories:** Yellow Category

April 27, 2020

LA County Board of Supervisors  
500 W. Temple St.  
Los Angeles, Ca. 90012

Honorable Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

My name is Oscar de la Torre and I am the current President of the California Latino School Board Association and the Founder of the Pico Youth & Family Center in Santa Monica. All of my life I have worked for social justice causes and I now work closely with back stretch workers at Santa Anita. These trainers, assistant trainers, grooms, exercise riders, and hot walkers are some of the hardest working people in the County of Los Angeles. They are also some of the most vulnerable. More than 98% are Latino, immigrant, threatened constantly by our federal government and at risk of losing their jobs, housing and health benefits.

I am writing to express my concern with the prohibition of live horse racing at Santa Anita. On March 27, 2020 based on a complaint, live racing was prohibited by the LA County Health Dept. at Santa Anita as a "non-essential" business. I understand that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Los Angeles County Health Department is currently reviewing a proposal from Santa Anita to resume "spectatorless" live racing. As you know, live racing provides the financial support for the well-being of horses and the workers who take care of them. Many of the workers I represent have expressed their concern that if live horse racing is not allowed, horse owners will begin closing their stables at Santa Anita and this will cause irreparable harm to the economy of the horse industry that employs 77,000 workers statewide.

Like every other governing body in our State, you are responding to the COVID-19 pandemic and the repercussions of the public health directives that is intended to save lives. I commend you for your work and in no way am I advocating for things to return to normal. I am asking you to consider the proposal that was submitted by officials at Santa Anita to resume live horse racing with strict safety protocols. My request is based on a few facts that you should consider:

1. There have been ZERO reports of positive COVID-19 infections at Santa Anita and live racing at Los Alamitos (under the jurisdiction of the Orange County Board of Supervisors) has continued unabated with ZERO reports of workers testing positive for COVID-19.
2. Santa Anita has implemented strict protocols to strengthen public health and safety for workers and horses. Many workers on the back stretch are self-quarantined and have access to a medical clinic on site. Live racing does not increase the risk to the activities that the Los Angeles County Health Department has already allowed at Santa Anita.
3. Horse Racing can lead the responsible re opening of professional sports by hosting televised competitions without spectators. "Spectatorless" sport competitions such as live horse racing can protect public health and the thousands of unionized and non-unionized jobs that keep our families safe and secure. Of all professional sports, horse racing provides a best test case for a responsible re opening of professional sports because unlike other sports, our equine athletes cannot be infected and cannot transmit COVID-19. Furthermore, the science on COVID-19 transmission shows that people are more susceptible to infections in enclosed environments and Santa Anita operates with more than 300 acres of open space.
4. More than 750 back stretch workers risk losing income, housing and health benefits without the financial support that live racing provides. Currently, many other union jobs in horse racing have experienced lay-offs causing workers to lose

health benefits and wages. It is a greater threat to the well-being of workers to lose their income, housing and health benefits and public health will be at greater risk having more people homeless in the middle of a pandemic.

We are making a responsible and reasonable request to protect public health and the well-being of horses and workers. I truly believe that California horse racing can help power our economic recovery. Resuming live racing, with the strict protocols proposed by Santa Anita and approved by the Los Angeles County Health Department, will be a positive step in leading the responsible economic recovery of the County of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

Oscar de la Torre, Worker Advocate

**From:** Barger Leibrich, Kathryn <[KBarger@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:KBarger@bos.lacounty.gov)>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:47 PM  
**To:** Mouradian, Anna <[AMouradian@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:AMouradian@bos.lacounty.gov)>; Molina-Aviles, Martha <[MMolina-Aviles@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:MMolina-Aviles@bos.lacounty.gov)>; Vega, Michelle <[MVega@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:MVega@bos.lacounty.gov)>  
**Subject: From Jennifer Navarro**

Hello Supervisor Barger. My family owns the outdoor swap meet in Palmdale. (On a side note, I also happen to be the President of the Westside Union School District Board and past President of the Palmdale Chamber of Commerce). I had a question about tomorrow mornings meeting. How can we get you a letter and/ talking points to you regarding the hardship the stay at home order has created for our business, our 65 employees, 400 vendors and countless other small businesses in the Antelope Valley? We are very concerned with the discriminatory nature of the order. We in particular are an OUTDOOR market that sells everything a Walmart might sell, yet we were not given the opportunity to modify our business to comply with the safe distancing protocol like other major corporations were. We are located on 38 acres, completely outdoors in the bright AV sunshine, but we were ordered to close down. We have many vendors that are in dire need of the income they make at the swap meet, and our community depends on the essentials they purchase at the swap meet. When will we be allowed to open? We are fine with adding safety measures to ensure safe distancing, but this blanket closure has gone on too long.

## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Patrick Perez <specializedcurrency@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Meeting 4-28-2020

**Categories:** Orange Category

I am a resident of the city of Glendora, and I am writing to address agenda items 14, 19, and 20 at the board meeting of 28 April 202. I am in support of resuming thoroughbred racing at Santa Anita Park, effective immediately. The protocols in place ensure the safe running of racing and the many positivity economic impacts it imparts. There is no justifiable reason to further restrict racing at Santa Anita. Thank you.

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Patrick Ian Perez, Editor  
Coin Dealer Newsletter  
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**Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Heather Hyde <heather@elephantintheroominc.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:17 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** CHRB is currupt

**Categories:** Orange Category

Dear City Official,

I, along with the community, applaud Los Angeles for this monumental shut down of Santa Anita Racetrack, as the coronavirus crisis continues to make headlines around the world, which would help set the precedent for others to follow and shut down non essential business, for the sake of public and environmental safety.

Not only are you helping address a serious animal welfare issue, but it is remarkable to see this important public health issue being addressed.

I also wanted to thank you and show my personal appreciation, as I went to Arcadia high school, and my family also still lives in the surrounding area.

I also have family members that work at Santa Anita track and they were recently laid off, since the quarantines have began. We do know for certain, that there have been ZERO testing of anybody that have gone in and out of the track for Coronavirus.

The race track is no different from any other business, small or large. Not even the zoo, Universal Studios, Disneyland, any other business big or small... Many people are out of work because of potential spreading of this deadly virus, these horses to not need to race to keep healthy. The track owners and horse owners should be responsible for those that work for them, they do not need to do horse racing betting, to sustain.

We only think it's right that the race track stay quarantined and keep people safe and not continue horse racing, as we know that they cannot keep their promises in any mandatory protocols or regulations. (I included a few live racing footage from Santa Anita, from March 23rd 2020, even with the modified protocols, via the Governor) The same people that are in clusters of groups, in muck and mud, also touch each other's equipment and do not take any safety precautions at the track.

Santa Anita racetrack, is directly across from the Methodist Arcadia hospital and people from the track go over there when they are in need of medical assistance. My aunt and other family are longtime nurses, they currently had few patients that have the Coronavirus, at that very hospital.

Many locals that work at the track or are affiliated with, they not only live in the area, but they also do grocery shopping at the local grocery stores. These are the same grocery stores that my mother and other family members still go to shop for necessities, my worst fear is that my family members or myself would contact the deadly Coronavirus, concerning these people from the racetrack, that have yet to be tested. There are several other tracks where jockeys have gotten the virus and many of these Santa Anita racetrack owners, breeders, workers, jockeys, licensed officials, they still travel between all of the other open and racing California Tracks, like Los Alamitos, Golden Gate and even Del Mar. This only makes the chance on spreading the contamination, even greater. All of those areas in Northern California and in Southern California have the infections, increase at an alarming rate.

Also, please see the following pdf, in regard to how some racetracks still manage, without horse racing.

"Like many businesses, adapting to the day-by-day updates and restrictions related to containing the virus has led to several tough decisions that can be difficult to communicate in real time. In a short period of time, the Omaha Exposition and Racing staff has been reduced to salaried managers to keep things running until the doors can open again."

I wanted to thank you again, for your care and concern of public.

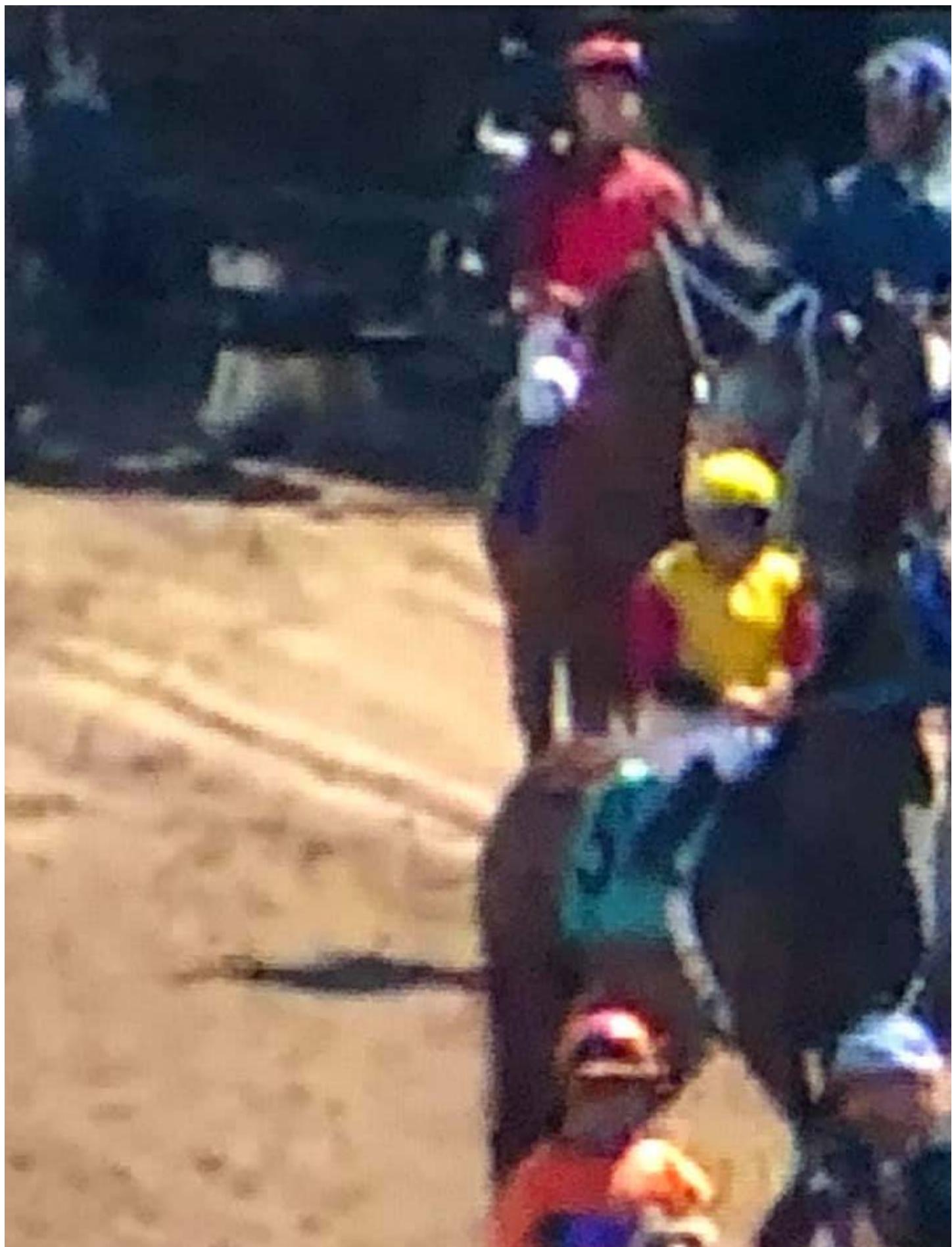
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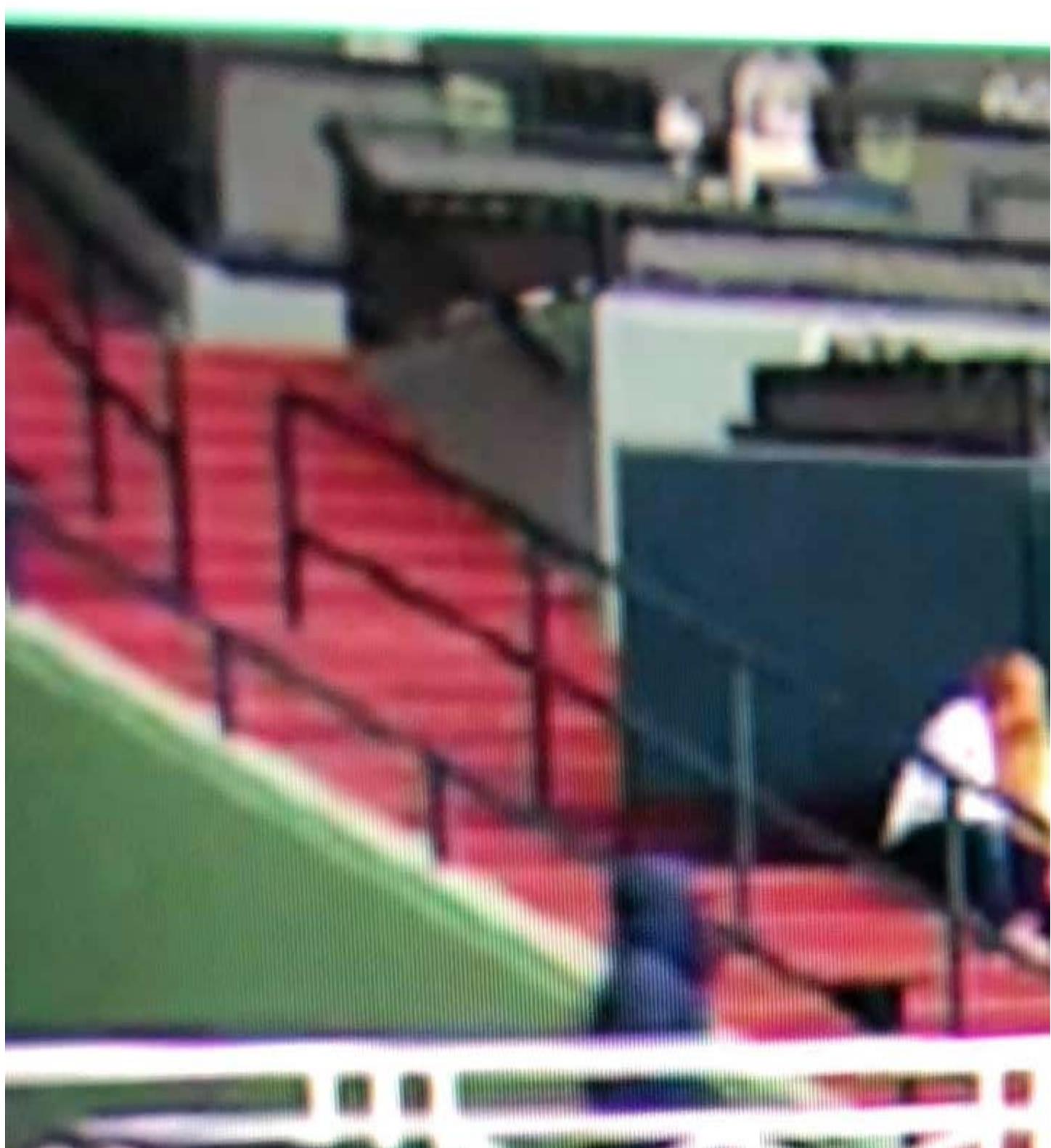
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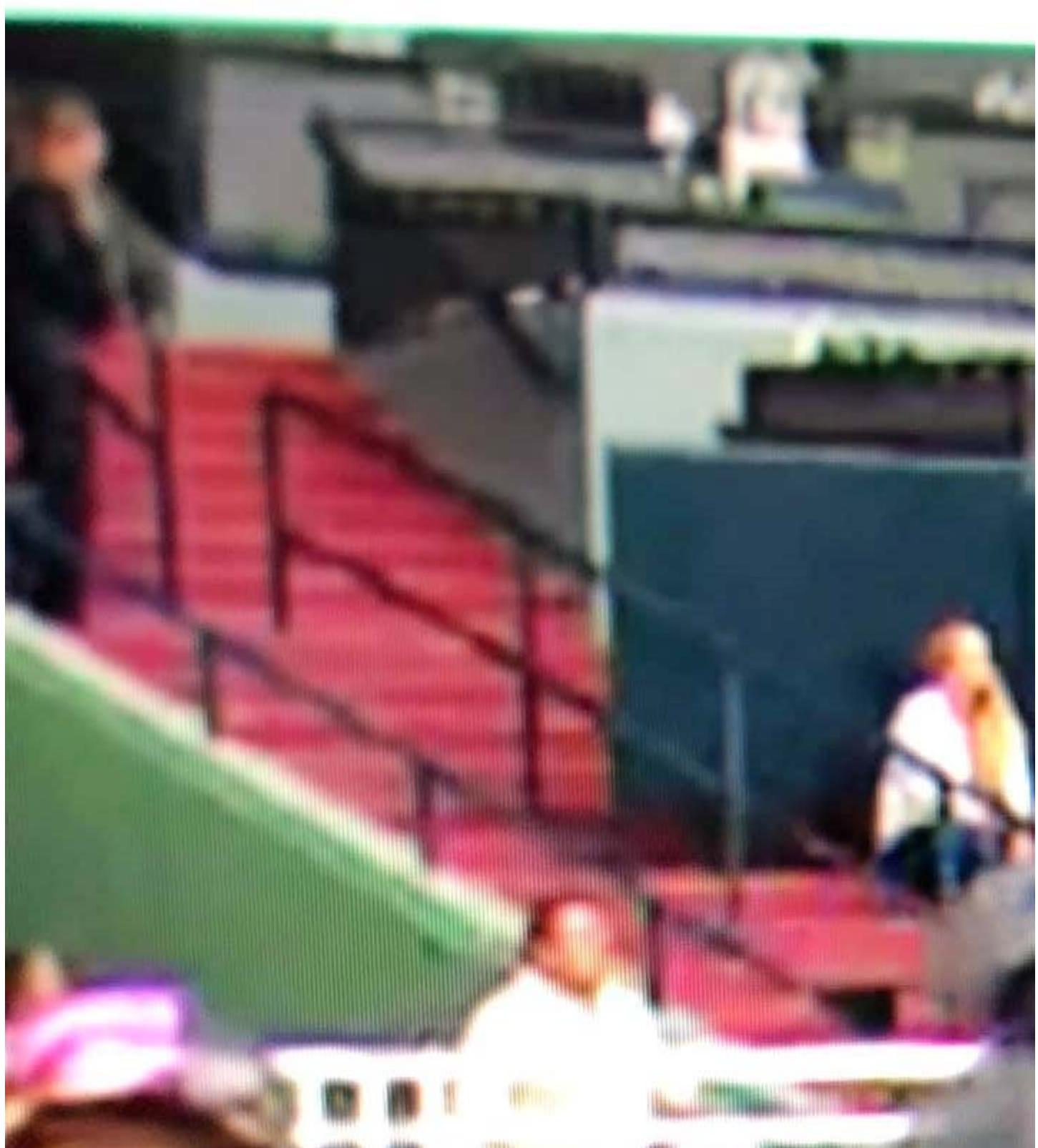






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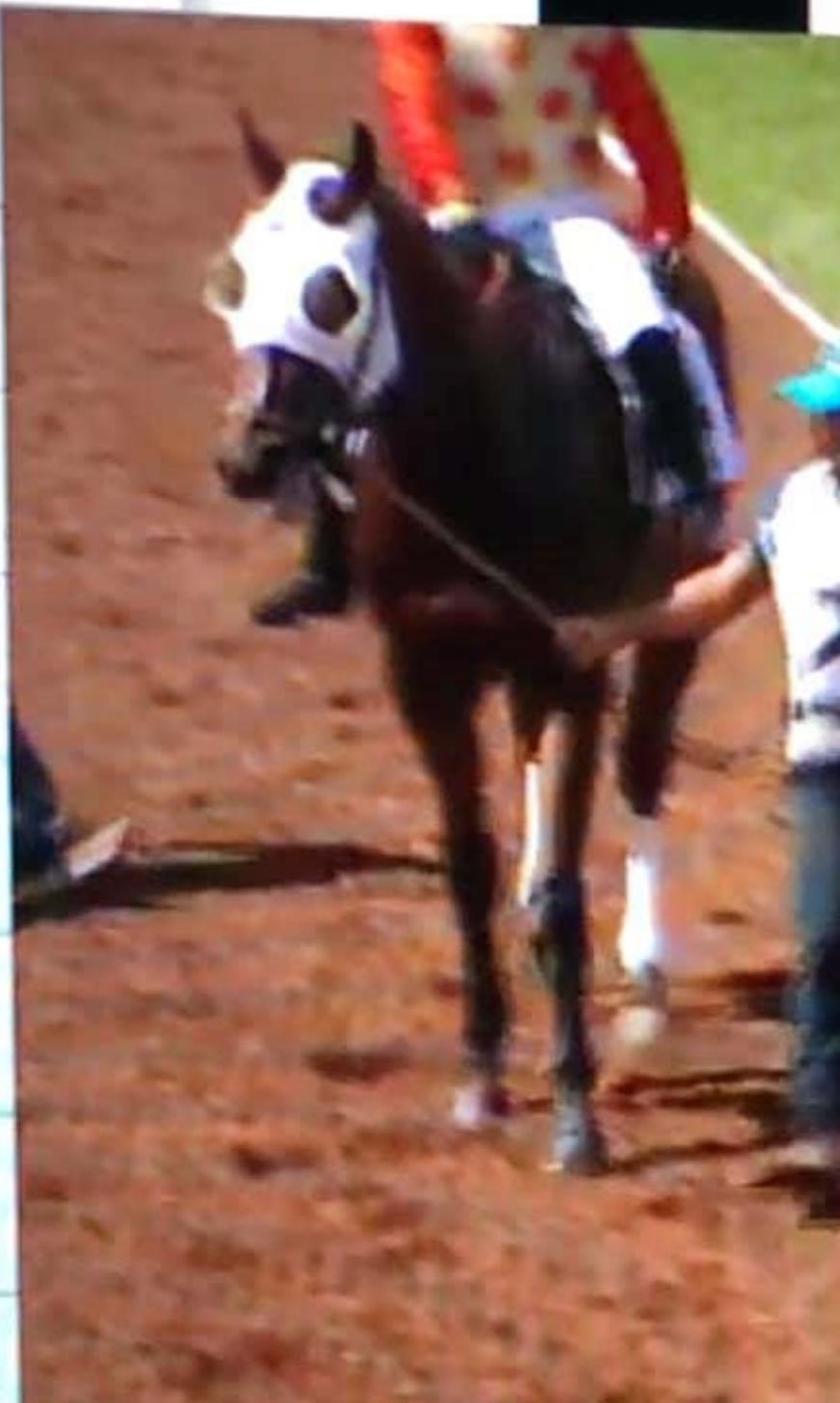
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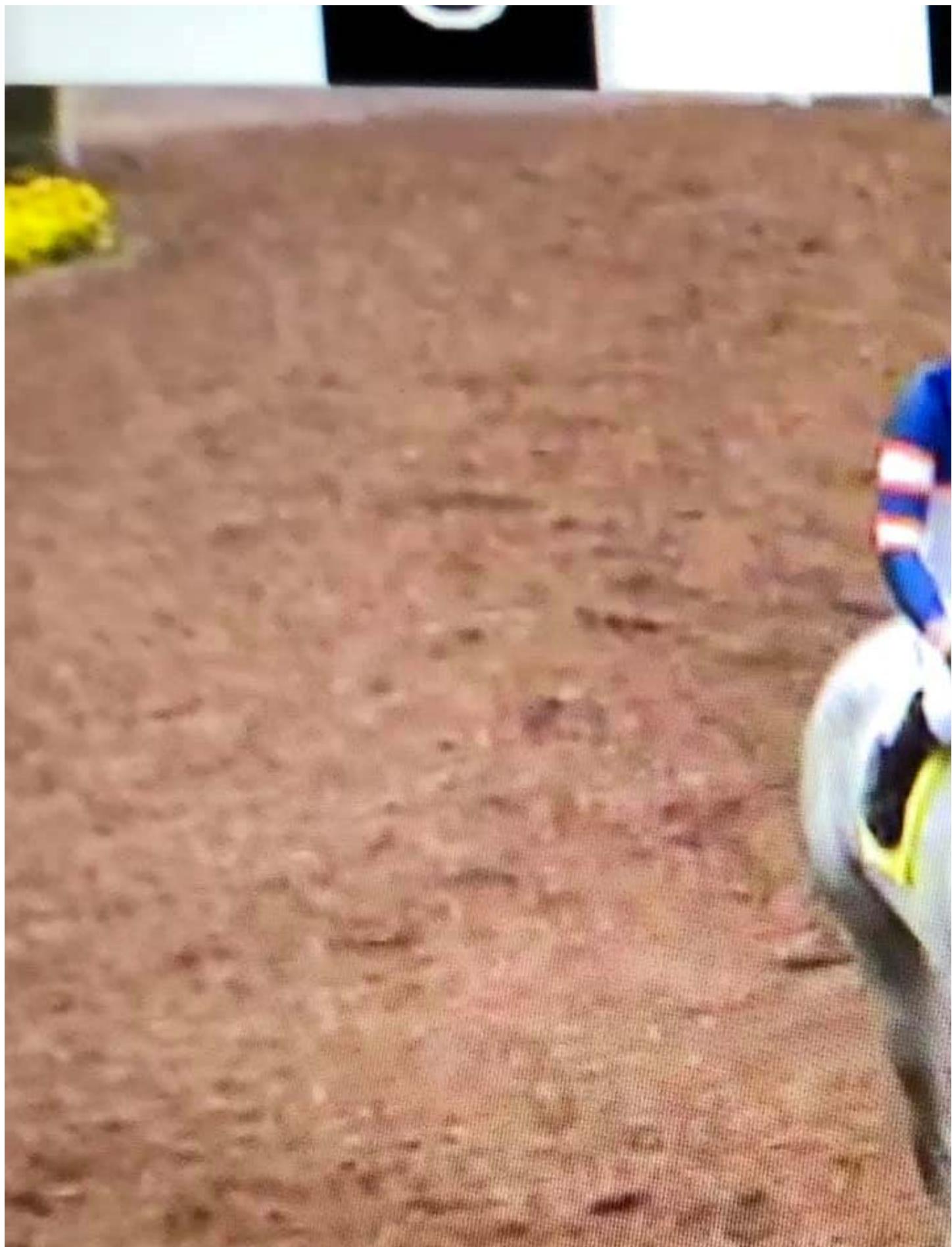
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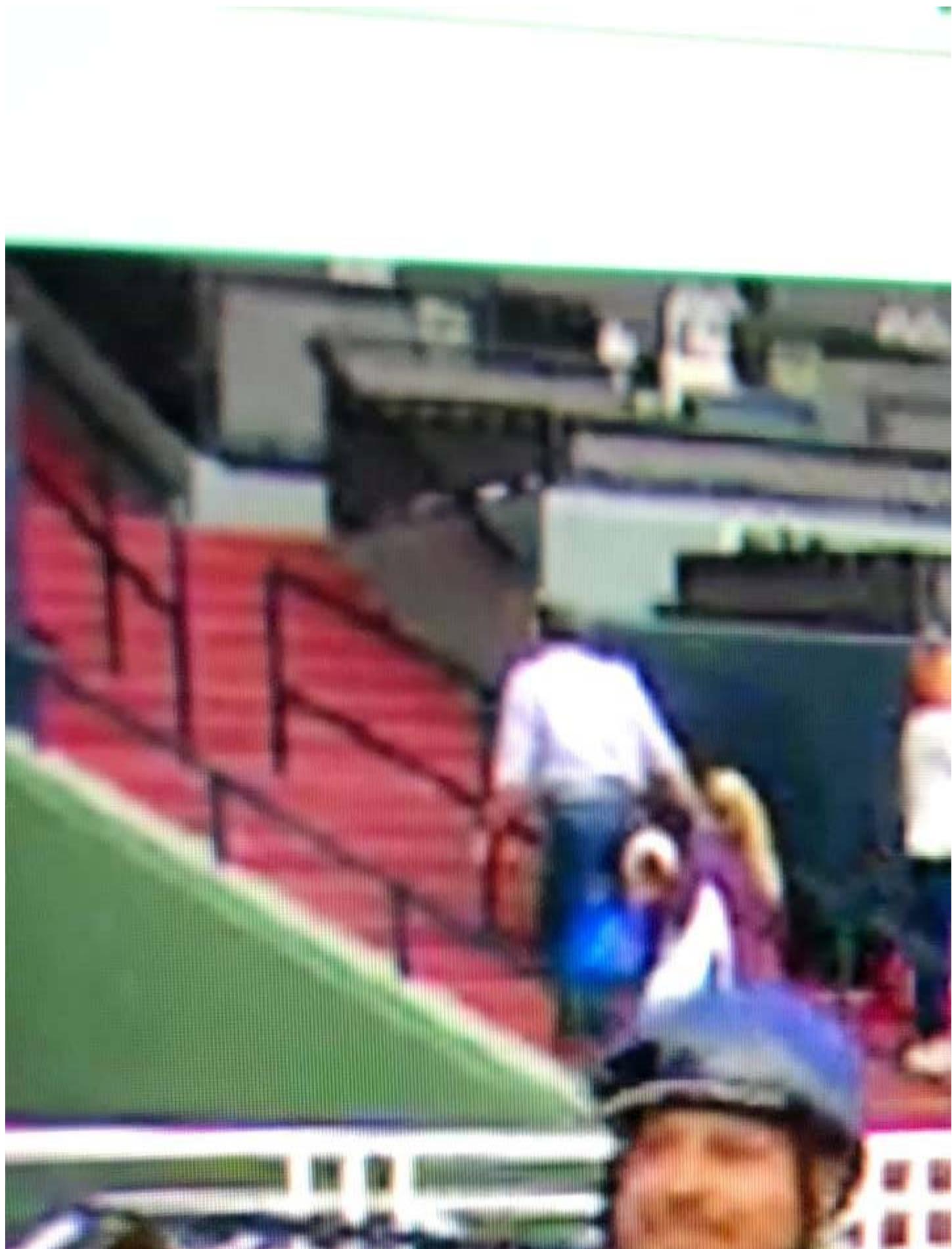
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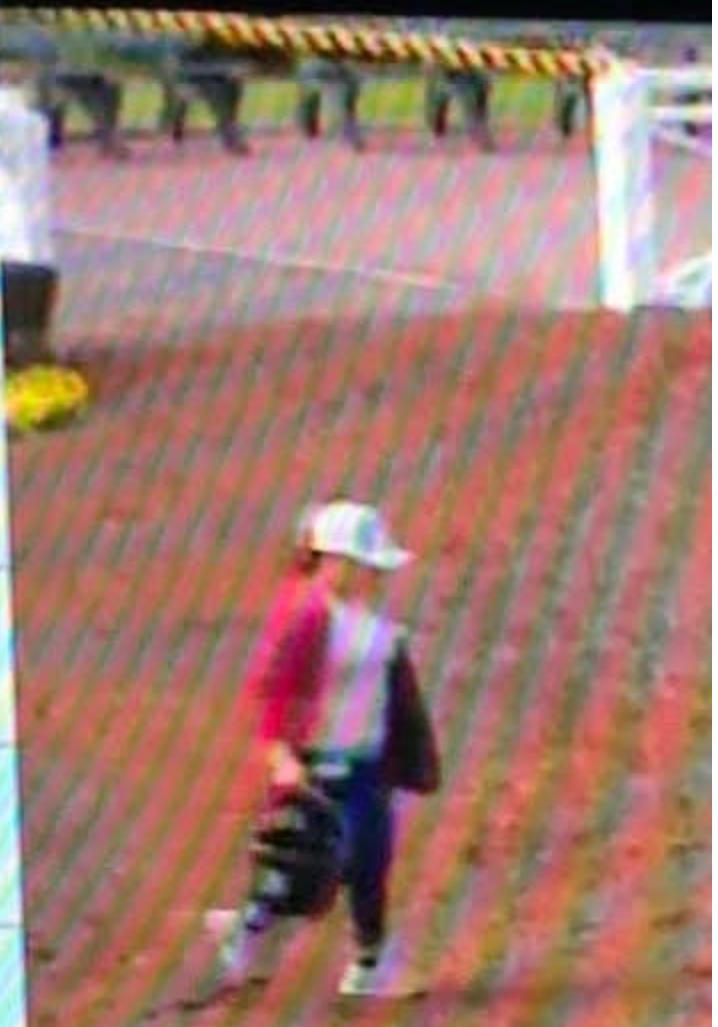
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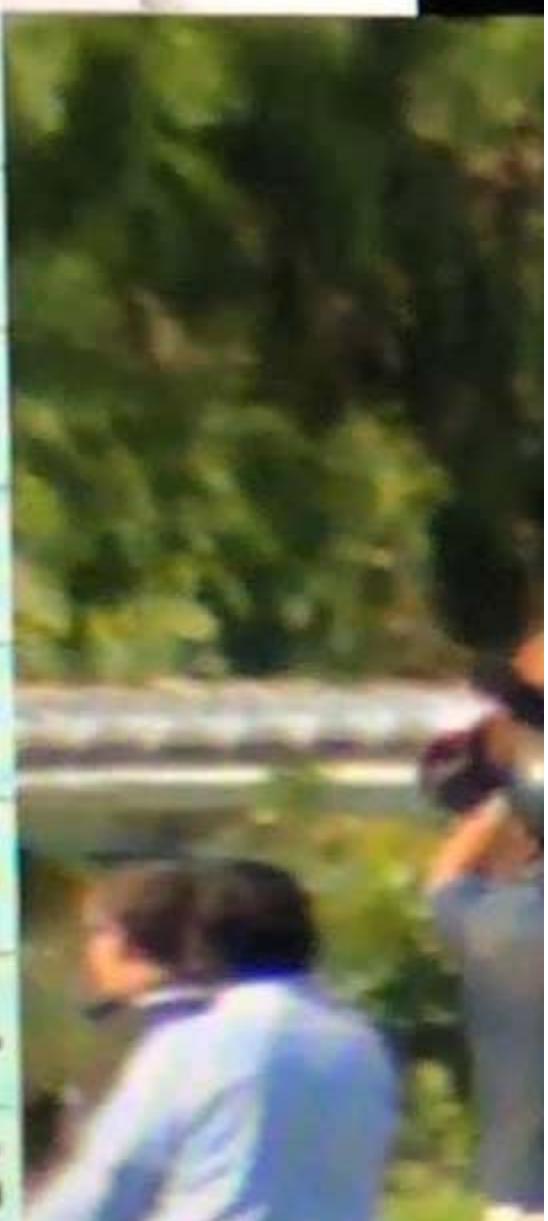


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## **Cortez, Katelyn**

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**From:** Eric CLEMENIC <eekster8@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:11 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Let Santa Anita race !

**Categories:** Orange Category

The workers on the backstretch at Santa Anita and other race tracks in California could be homeless without racing.

The animals will suffer when not properly taken care of.

Save some of the jobs that will no doubt be lost after you re-open California. Many businesses won't be returning.

You can start the job saving process with allowing the track to keep running.

Thank you!

Eric Clemenic

Las Cruces , NM

**From:** [James Sanzaro](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Allow Santa Anita to race  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:53:33 PM

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Please allow Santa Anita to resume racing. Santa Anita is an entire ecosystem. The horses need daily care and feeding. And, since they are bred as race horses, they also need plenty of exercise. Here is the daily routine of the business of horse racing:

Every day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year, by 4:00am horses and grooms, trainers, and assistant trainers, outriders, hot walkers, exercise riders, assistant starters (gatemen); track officials, CA State officials, stewards; feed helpers, **delivery people, Veterinarians and Veterinarian assistants, farriers (horseshoers), muckers, jockey agents and cooks and kitchen staff, medical personnel, ambulance drivers, camera operators, timers, and many other backstretch and support personnel go to work.**

They prepare horses and care for them.

Horses are saddled, led to the track, put in the starting gate and take off running. By late morning, most training is done and the horses are cared for, bandaged, massaged, fed and watered.

All the above goes on every single day. Whether or not actual horse racing is going on. If actual horse racing was allowed, everything above still goes on. NOTHING CHANGES except sometimes instead of exercise riders, licensed jockeys get on the horse and the trainer puts a number on the saddle and they ride them in a race.

99% of what goes on day to day still goes on. Adding a jockey and a number on the horse will not make Santa Anita a hot bed of Covid 19.

Please allow Santa Anita to resume racing.

James Sanzaro  
A proud 49 year employee of horse racing in California.

**From:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [ExecutiveOffice](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Horse racing  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:47:11 AM  
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EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Executive Office  
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**From:** dennis doran <[dynafold@aol.com](mailto:dynafold@aol.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:29 AM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** Horse racing

What are the reasons to forbid horse racing? Much more harm than good is happening because of this decision. Allow racing without spectators as is done at other venues.

Open up Golden Gate and Santa Anita please. I'm stuck home with noting to do

regards  
Dennis Doran

**From:** [SUELLEN WAGNER](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda number 19 Safely Reopening Los Angeles County  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:57:14 AM

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Why are there no health screenings, COVID testing, or quarantines at Burbank Airport? BUR is still operating at 60 % capacity (capacity is 6 million passengers) and transporting passengers with the virus. Nonessential air travel should be eliminated until we have the ability to Implement screening , testing and mandatory quarantines. Unless we take this step, we will not stop the COVID-19 virus and instead, are promoting spread of the disease.

Please Instruct the Directors of the Office of Emergency Management, Public Health, Health Services, Mental Health, and any other appropriate Departments, to report back to the Board in seven days with details on **ADDING THIS ACTION** to measures needed for containment of COVID-19 and needed prerequisites for relaxing the Safer at Home.

Suellen Wagner

Studio City 91604

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**From:** [C Lafayette](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:51:59 PM

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Dear Members of the Board,

As a supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed the challenges of Thoroughbred Racing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. I've spoken with various stakeholders, community leaders and citizens inside and outside the industry. The ban put in place by LA County for an industry that supports nearly a thousand people in the LA community seems to be an unnecessary action that will place a significant hardship on those same individuals who perform essentially the same functions with the racing ban in effect or not.

There are several upsides to allowing the racing to continue: Santa Anita provides an ideal environment that could operate safely under proper conditions. Most staff needed to care for the horses already live on site and have been following the protocols that have been put in place. Those few who commute back and forth such as trainers and veterinarians take the pandemic seriously and do all the things requisite to maintaining sanitary conditions.

Allowing racing to continue provides for continued purse distributions that generates the revenue needed *to keep staff employed* in addition to much needed revenues for the city, county and state. For people locally, nationwide and worldwide it provides a wonderful mental pause to the pandemic and allows fans to stay in their homes to enjoy the sport on TV or laptops. The absence of racing not only creates a hardship for the owners and trainers but especially for the staff who often earn significantly less money in a better economy than this one.

If these workers continue to lose the revenue provided by purse distributions it may cause irreversible hardship and added pain to an already stressful situation. The absence of racing will likely force many of these workers into homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,

Christa Lafayette  
650.380.6810

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**From:** [pgonella](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please, Let them Race  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:02:04 PM

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I ask you to come to a safe resolution that allows horse racing to continue in California. With or without fans is not important to me. Safety of horses and their handlers is what we need to keep our eyes on.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Peter Gonella  
New Jersey

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**From:** [David Snowberger](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [nickjhines@aol.com](mailto:nickjhines@aol.com)  
**Subject:** Subject line: B.O.S. meeting April 28, agenda item 19  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 7:57:33 AM

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Why isn't horse racing in California considered agricultural and an essential business like other states that are operating successfully and employing the mitigation factors?

Why can I go to HomeDepot without a mask shopping with many other people and the horse racing community can't earn a living?

Why are we quarantining healthy people?

Thank-you,

David C. Snowberger  
[todaysactuary.com](http://todaysactuary.com)

512.955.1041



**From:** [Rob Smolich](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita park  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 7:35:45 AM

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I recommend that racing is allowed to resume at Santa Anita. I have reviewed their proposal. It appears reasonable and well thought out.

Thanks, Rob Smolich

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jamie Sanders](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Park request  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 7:08:57 AM

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Please do not open Santa Anita Race Park. The employees do not practice safe distancing and people's lives matter. Horse racing is not an essential business.

The world is watching what you do. The virus spread has doubled in Los Angeles so please care about that.

Jamie Sanders

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Jamie

**From:** [Image Associates Sales](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 4:57:47 AM

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L.A. County Board of Supervisors,  
Please resume spectatorless live racing at Santa Anita. Thank you,  
Tim Wolfe  
626-483-1681

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Edward White](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 3:12:20 AM

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Hi,I have watched horse racing all my life and have been a fan and actually worked with horses in my earlier life.Please do not destroy a great sport and people that work in the industry who are suffering.!I voted for Kathleen Barger and I'm surprised she would not expedite a decision to get racing back without the public!it's disgraceful.Use common sense and stop backing PETA who have no common sense!They are fanatics!  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Morgan Fussell](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** [SUSPECTED SPAM]Let the horses race  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:06:10 AM

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The lives of 800 backstretch workers and 1500 horses lives are in jeopardy. There is no covid 19 out breaks. All precautions have been taken. There is little or no risk to racing in the afternoon. 1500 horses and 800 workers train and work every day. Allowing 80 to 90 horses to race in the afternoon makes sense. Bill's need to be paid.

**From:** [Greg Hoffman](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse Racing @ Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:58:26 PM

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I am advocating for the resumption of horse racing @ Santa Anita, based on scientific analogs from other racing venues with little to no Covid-19 outbreaks among the numerous backside work force. The live racing would be fanless of course.

Please consider this request and allow the hardworking and passionate horse racing personnel not be put out on the street!

Greg Hoffman

Sent from my iPad

Gregory M. Hoffman

**From:** [sassypratt](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please allow racing at Santa anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 8:24:16 PM

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Workers need to work, horses need to run and we need to safely reopen our economy! Please consider allowing Santa Anita to reopen without spectators and help Los Angeles! Thank you! Susan Pratt

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Sky 811](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Support to the racetrack.  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:54:43 PM

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We look forward to the return of live racing at now Santa Anita reopen for racing with or without spectators.  
“Spectatorless” as well.

## **McCullough, Debbie**

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**From:** Sandra Veltri <sandy.veltri@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:02 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Cc:** Jodie Vella-Gregory; javier.gonzalez@santaanita.com  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Park

**Categories:** Dark Gray

To Whom It May Concern:

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Sincerely,

Sandra K. Veltri, Ph.D.  
719-680-2230

**From:** [Nina Fields](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** For the continued livelihood of thousands of Californians, and the salvation of the Thoroughbred horse racing and breeding Industry, in California, I implore you to decide in favor, of immediately resuming racing in the California race tracks. If you ...  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:05:10 PM

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Sent from Jim's iPad

**From:** [Diane Fradkin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 19  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 6:19:28 PM

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Honorable Board of Supervisors:

Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words.....let's open up Santa Anita for racing!

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane Fradkin

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**From:** [RYAN BURCHETTE](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** California horse racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:17:12 PM

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I'm not sure but i think this state certainly needs the tax money, DUH!. From a 3 billion dollar industry in this state, I doubt that those that oppose the sport will be willing to come up the lost revenue. Open up, We don't need any more unemployed people in this state over a virus. This is a complete debacle. State run Arboretum facility across from gate 7 at Santa Anita is open for business, but Santa Anita is shutdown for no reason. Nobody cares for the horse more than the fans and the people that care for them. Those that oppose racing, would just as well send them to the slaughter house as look at them. The owners trainers and the great backside workers and all the other support industries need to get back to work. Stop the politics, get real!

George Burchette  
rb4bur@yahoo.com

**From:** [john Poole](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** B.O.S meeting agenda item 19 April 28, 2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:04:54 PM

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To all who will listen...

Please reinstate horse racing at Santa Anita Park.

There are too many inconsistencies and non-truths about our sport.

The corona virus is just another excuse to pass ill will towards horses, owners, trainers, jockeys and most of all...the loyal fans.

We are being broken as a nation

There are individuals who want everyone to give in to the senseless selfishness that is being portrayed by some of our civic leaders.

I know you probably won't listen, because I am a pee-on in the grand scheme of things.

This is important, Its people's lives that are being messed with. Lives that care about the well being Of the people people and horses in this industry.

Thank You,

John Poole

**From:** [Sandra Veltri](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Jodie Vella-Gregory](#); [javier.gonzalez@santaanita.com](mailto:javier.gonzalez@santaanita.com)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Park  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:02:06 PM

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Sandra K. Veltri, Ph.D.  
719-680-2230

**From:** [Ron Moquett](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Stop catering to EXTREMISTS  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:28:10 PM

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Fact. Oaklawn racetrack in Arkansas is going to generate 50 million taxable dollars this weekend. They will Be shown live on 2 network television stations, provide some sense of normalcy and entertainment for those staying home while providing income for tens of thousands of people in the process. All By following proven safety protocols and operating without fans.

Fact. There will be many more people gathered right across the street from Santa Anita at the arbatorium than it would take to operate the races.

So why would you not be willing to let it happen? I think I know. Maybe it's because you're listening to radical animal extremists. Maybe it's because you haven't taken the time to see whom you are aligning yourself with.. I've been Coming to your city for years now and I watch it decline year after year. If I were you, I'd be ashamed. Homelessness and drug use, high cost of living and low moral values.. You've allowed a prideful, once great city to be swallowed up by those who think they're owed something. All while you do the bidding of whoever you think will help you politically. What happened to doing what's right? You keeping people from working and providing their own income while allowing gatherings of many people right across the street proves that you are effected by PETA and the radical extremist and once again backing the wrong horse.

Thanks for your time.

Ron

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Stuart Ebert](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Restart Santa Anita Please  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:04:32 PM

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**From:** [Howard Zucker](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:06:13 PM

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Dear L. A. County Commissioners,

The Santa Anita workforce has been 100% masked, temps taken routinely and social distancing observed for over a month. The addition of live racing with no audience was conducted with hardly any added risk of contamination.

Stables are leaving daily for other states, and they won't be back. Our workers will be left unemployed and homeless if this continues.

Please consider a reopening of live racing under strict protocols as proposed by management.

Thank you,

Howard Zucker  
Pasadena, CA

HZ. Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Stacy Anderson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:01:46 PM

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To LA County Supervisors,

I understand that you fine people have a meeting tomorrow [April 28, 2020](#) and that one of the items on your agenda is the resumption of live racing at Santa Anita without fans. I have been involved with racing in many different jobs most of my working life. Covid-19 has destroyed many lives and jobs. The racetrack is a unique place. Not only are there many people who work there, they also live there. It also provides health care services to the people who work there. Santa Anita has put together many safety requirements in order to keep employees safe during the Covid-19 crisis, including (but not limited to) everyone on the facility wearing face masks and anyone entering the facility has their temperature taken before they are allowed to enter.

Personally my economic life has been destroyed. I have a small business that involves shipping horses. I am the only employee so am not eligible for the PPL from SBA, although I did apply. I have applied for the EIDL, but these programs keep “running out” of money.

I am encouraging you to please reconsider allowing Santa Anita to continue to run live races!! You will not only be helping people in LA County, but people in San Diego and Orange Counties as well! Actually, you would be helping people throughout our great state involved in horse racing keep their jobs! People who pay taxes to the state and employees who pay taxes!

Please help all of us get back to work! Please help our Counties and our state get some revenue going back in so we can continue to help those who need it!!

For me personally, please help me get back to work so my 13 year old daughter will continue to have a home to live in. That she will still have food to eat. That she will still have internet to do her school work. That she and I will still be able to pay for health insurance.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue!

Sincerely,

Stacy Locke  
PS I inadvertently pressed send before completing this email. I apologize for sending it twice.  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Julia Davis](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Horse racing tracks  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 5:01:32 PM

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I writing this email to urge LA County to keep the horse racing tracks closed, both for the safety of people and for the horses. These tracks are non-essential and should not be in operation!! LA county should not waste critical PPE on non-essential businesses! Tests for COVID should be used for essential workers such as hospital workers, first responders, etc NOT on a non-essential business like a race track! There are too many people at tracks like Santa Anita, more than the governor is suggesting at this time.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Timothy Pryor](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita open it up  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 7:20:26 PM

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There is no evidence that Covid-19 infects horses. Let the equine athletes compete again on the Santa Anita circuit. Do not deprive the of their birth right: the pursuit of glory and immortality.

**From:** [Craig Mallian](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Horse Racing  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:04:19 AM

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Los Angeles County Board,

I'm writing as a horse racing fan and a fan of the people behind horse racing.

I'd encourage you to re-open Santa Anita for spectator-less racing. There are many people that rely on this industry for their income that are suffering severely due to the lack of racing. Many of these people are already caring for these equine athletes on a daily basis to keep them healthy and thriving. It's time that racing be re-opened to support the people that support these animals.

Other tracks (Tampa, Gulfstream, Oaklawn) have been running consistently with strong Covid-19 protocols. These protocols should be copied and hopefully strengthened even further to ensure the safety of the employees and animals involved. As a point of fact, the Gulfstream protocols resulted in the identification of COVID-19 in a jockey who had come to Florida from New York. He was instructed to quarantine himself for a period of time before he could be reconsidered to participate.

While these are scary times, I believe the precedent has been set that racing can safely continue. My hope is that Santa Anita can open and set new standards that can be shared with other racing jurisdictions to allow this important sport and its people get back on their feet economically.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment

Craig Mallian

**From:** [Ed Simpson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Race Track Santa Anita  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:05:47 AM

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We join those who oppose opening this or any horse race track! We are following the wise and EARLY orders by our governor. Allowing all those people to gather at a track and share the virus....likely many will have the virus but no symptoms...is completely irresponsible and dangerous. It is dangerous to those of us who are NOT gathering, who are staying in place, wearing masks even for a walk in our neighborhood.

Do not allow this so called sport to reopen. For your information, a sport is a competition among willing, evenly matched participants. The jockeys may be willing, but we have seen no contract signed by the horses who often are beaten and drugged so they run with injuries. It is inhumane and will eventually end.

Those who work at the tracks are in danger of catching the virus from one another and from those attending, all of whom will carry the virus to their families and others with whom they are in contact.

This is not "essential" work. Let the track owners pay the workers during this time. They can afford it.

Edward L. Simpson and Beatrice J. Simpson  
2038 Milan Ave  
South Pasadena, CA 91030

**From:** [Andre Lobanoff](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Start racing at SA  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:23:30 AM

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Please Start racing still SA again without audience. All horsemen and women that live on site need to maintain their jobs. Trainers need the income from winning races to be able to pay their help. Take what ever measures are needed, please give the opening an open minded thought.

Thank You  
Andre Lobanoff

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jeannie Malone](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita Race Track - please allow racing to resume  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 11:53:55 AM

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## Santa Anita Race Track - please allow racing to resume

More than 750 backstretch workers risk losing their income, their home, their healthcare, and their way of life without the financial support that live racing provides. Many programs are directly funded by the money taken in, allowing aftercare for horses, healthcare for humans, and many other fundamental necessities. Let us advocate for the many who care for our horses each and every day.

Please allow this track to Open!

Respectfully,  
*Jeannie Malone*  
[jeanniemalone222@gmail.com](mailto:jeanniemalone222@gmail.com)  
619-607-5300



**From:** [Dorothy Wong](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** BOS Public Comment - item 19 in FAVOR  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:57:22 AM

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Thank you for your work on this. I am in favor of this motion. I strongly consider the re-opening of trails be in alignment with USFS and beach openings. I hope you can keep the trail closures closed until businesses reopening are implemented first as the pressure on our community could be hugely problematic.

We could really use this time to consider ways to reduce pressures/parking traffic/crowds in the community. Rethinking our streets as neighborhood greenways can be a win win.

Consider transit options to support trail heads and parks along with implementation plan for safer complete streets can support community engagement and support active transportation for a cleaner and healthier future for our community.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Wong  
Altadena, CA

**From:** [ron mcgill](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Opening Santa Anita during a Pandemic  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 10:26:20 AM

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Please, DO NOT REOPEN SANTA ANITA!!!

There are no cases of COVID-19 at the racetracks because there is no active testing. Again- using precious resources on testing non-essential workers. These tests should all be used for first responders, police officers, firefighters, hospital workers, food service workers, grocery store workers, etc. NOT a racetrack! Persons can be asymptomatic carriers. This is not a quarantined environment. People and horses come and go from every track.

There is no safe way to race horses, especially during a high contagious and deadly pandemic.

The Governor does not want mass gatherings until there is a vaccine and we have herd immunity. He defines "mass gatherings" starting with people numbering in the 100s.

SANTA ANITA HAS OVER 700 PEOPLE working there, plus people coming and going.

Gross violations of the Governor's orders re: caring for horses:

<https://www.cdfa.ca.gov/coronavirus/pdfs/COVID19ResourcesforEquineBoardingFacilities.pdf>

Best Practices Guidelines for Equestrian Facilities

It is necessary to act in a manner that incorporates Governor Newsom's Executive Orders to prevent the spread of the coronavirus and protect California families and communities.

This facility must NOT REOPEN AND MUST REMAIN CLOSED FOR THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF HUMANS AND HORSES ALIKE!

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Sent from Gmail Mobile

**From:** [Vivianne Pulido](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda #19 Reopening of Los Angeles  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:01:16 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Board Of Supervisors:

I'm a Los Angeles resident and I'm asking you to not open the Santa Anita Racetrack during the COVID-19 pandemic, as horse racing is NOT an essential business. It is outrageous to put humans and animals at an unnecessary risk. The jockeys and innocent horses are stuck in stalls that are clearly not six feet apart from one another and/or on the racetrack.

Moreover, the horse racing industry is a shameful and abusive "sport" that a ethically conscientious city of Los Angeles should ban now. The unbelievable number of horses hurt and killed at the Santa Anita Racetrack will be a horrific part of Los Angeles' history, but unfortunately it remains a current nightmare — even during the pandemic, as the horses are even dying during training sessions while the track is closed to the public! Enough of tragic animal abuse in the name of money! We are better than that! Make money on electronic simulated horse racing and close down the live horror show NOW! Enough! Do we want a film/series similar to "Tiger King" regarding the horrors at Santa Anita Racetrack dragging the reputation of the leaders of Los Angeles down the animal abuse drain? I think not! Make the right decisions for our great city and people.

Thank you!

Sincerely yours,

Vivianne Pulido-Price  
Lakewood California

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** [Rocco Labbato](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Racing to Resume at Santa Anita  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:32:30 PM

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As long as safety precautions are used.

Racing should resume less spectators for now.

Oakland and some other tracks have had no problems.

Rocco Labbato

**From:** [RICHARD KLUNK](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Immediate Action Requested  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 1:59:52 PM

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Immediate Action Requested ----- Original Message -----

From: Taste of Victory Stables <kyle@tovstables.com>  
To: raklunk@comcast.net  
Date: April 27, 2020 at 5:27 PM  
Subject: Immediate Action Requested

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**The County of Los Angeles is considering the request from the Stronach Group to re-start racing at Santa Anita under carefully structured safety protocols. The resumption of racing is critical to the health and welfare of our equine athletes and the many dedicated people who care for them.**

**Please consider sending this letter by 5pm Pacific/8pm eastern TONIGHT.**

Thank you.

**To:** PublicComments@bos.lacounty.gov

**Subject:** April 28, 2020 LAC BOS mtg: Item 14 - Workers Protections; Item 19 - Safely Reopening LA County; Item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery

**The suggested letter (edit as appropriate)**

Dear Members of the Board,

As a supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed the challenges of Thoroughbred Racing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. I've spoken with various stakeholders, community leaders and citizens inside and outside the industry. The ban put in place by LA County for an industry that supports nearly a thousand people in the LA community seems to be an unnecessary action that will place a significant hardship on those same individuals who perform essentially the same functions with the racing ban in effect or not.

There are several upsides to allowing the racing to continue with few downsides. Santa Anita provides an ideal environment that could operate safely under current conditions. Most staff needed to care for the horses already live on site and have been following the protocols that have been put in place. Those few who commute back and forth such as trainers and veterinarians take the corona virus seriously and do all the things requisite to maintaining sanitary conditions.

Allowing racing to continue provides for continued purse distributions that generates the revenue needed to keep staff employed in addition to much

needed revenues for the city, county and state. For people locally, nationwide and worldwide it provides a wonderful mental pause to the pandemic and allows fans to stay in their homes to enjoy the sport on TV or laptops. The absence of racing not only creates a hardship for the owners and trainers but also for the staff that live check to check.

If these workers continue to lose the revenue provided by purse distributions it will certainly create a tremendous hardship and added stress to an already stressful situation. The absence of racing will likely force many of these workers into homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,



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