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Hello,

My name, Armando Flores, was listed as a supporter of Item 36: Supplemental Paid Sick Leave during today's meeting. This was a misrepresentation of my position on this item. I OPPOSE Item 36. I do NOT support Item 36. I would like this to be changed and revised in the meeting minutes. Attached is a copy of the letter I submitted on Monday, April 27 in which we suggested changes to the ordinance and below is the email that was sent to [PublicComments@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:PublicComments@bos.lacounty.gov).

Again, I OPPOSE Item 36. Please revise this in today's minutes.

Thank you,

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April 27, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger  
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT: Item 36: Los Angeles County Supplemental Paid Sick Leave in Response to COVID-19 - CONCERNS**

Dear Supervisor Barger,

On behalf of the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA), we are writing in response to the Paid Sick Leave ordinance being considered by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in response to COVID-19. While we commend the tireless efforts and swift response to COVID-19 by the Board of Supervisors, we are concerned with the implications and ramifications of this ordinance, especially as several businesses across the County are struggling to stay alive.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to consider making the following changes to the ordinance:

- **Add 'essential services' to Sec. 8.200.050 Exemptions**, which would be consistent with other City and State COVID-19 rules and orders.
- **Amend Sec. 8.200.060 Employer Offset**. This ordinance should allow an employer to offset the 80 hours of supplemental paid sick leave with the amount of paid sick leave the employer already provides to its employees in accordance with their existing paid sick leave policy.
- **Amend Sec. 8.200.130 Expiration of Ordinance**. The expiration of this ordinance should be amended to expire two calendar weeks after the expiration of the COVID-19 local emergency period.

**Exemptions for Essential Services**

While there are exemptions for first responders and health care providers, this ordinance offers no exemptions for essential services. Essential services have been deemed exempt from several City and State rules and orders, and should be deemed exempt under this ordinance to remain consistent with these rules.

Amid the COVID-19 crisis and the need for essential businesses to remain open in order to provide essential services, employers have made changes to their paid sick leave policies to ensure the safety of their workers and to ensure continuity in their operations. Exempting essential services from this ordinance would further allow these businesses to remain open without the stress of an additional burden that may create financial hardship during this economic crisis.

**Employer Offset**

In order to attract and retain talent, a number of businesses and non-profit organizations throughout Los Angeles County go above and beyond in the benefits they provide their employees, including paid sick leave. In cities like Los Angeles, which requires an employer to provide 48 hours or 6 days of paid sick leave, there are employers who provide more than this required amount.

This ordinance should allow an employer to offset the 80 hours of supplemental paid sick leave with the amount of paid sick leave the employer already provides to its employees in accordance with their existing paid sick leave policy. This offset should be permitted if the amount in an employer's existing paid sick leave policy is greater than what is required under current law. This would provide clarity on whether an employer would need to provide an additional 10 days or 80 hours of paid sick leave on top of what they already provide their employees.

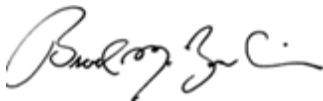
**Expiration of Ordinance**

Currently as drafted, this ordinance would expire on December 31, 2020. The expiration of this ordinance should be consistent with the City of Los Angeles' Emergency Order on Supplemental Paid Sick Leave and be amended to expire two calendar weeks after the expiration of the COVID-19 local emergency period. This would prevent confusion for businesses who operate in different jurisdictions of the County.

Given the global health crisis we are facing, businesses throughout Los Angeles County have been doing their best to continue operating and generate enough revenue to avoid going out of business. We believe the suggested changes will help place businesses in a position to recover from this crisis more quickly.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,



Brad Rosenheim  
VICA Chair



Stuart Waldman  
VICA President

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Hello, please find the attached public comment for Item 14 on tomorrow's Board of Supervisors agenda. Please confirm receipt of this email. Thank you!

Best,  
Clara



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April 27, 2020

*Via Email*

**Re: Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Emergency Ordinance (Item 14)**

Dear Chair Barger & Supervisors of LA County,

Central City Association (CCA) represents more than 400 businesses, trade associations and nonprofit organizations with a commitment to enhancing the vibrancy of Downtown Los Angeles and increasing investment in the region. We thank the Supervisors for their commitment to crisis response and recovery and understand the Supplemental Paid Sick Leave ordinance's intent is to provide workers not covered by the CARES Act with paid time off for COVID-19 related reasons. We offer the following recommendations to improve clarity for employers and consistency between the City of LA and LA County.

**Exempt employers that already provided at least 14 days of paid sick leave equal to or greater than the amount required in this ordinance beginning on or after March 4, 2020.**

The local declaration of emergency took effect on March 4, 2020. Employers should be credited for any hours of paid sick leave equal to or greater than the amount set forward in Part B of Section 8.200.030. Without this exemption, an employer would be required to provide an additional 80 hours of supplemental paid sick leave regardless of proactively providing that leave between March 4, 2020 – March 30, 2020.

**Exempt businesses with generous leave policies offering a minimum of 160 hours of paid leave annually.**

We understand the intention of this ordinance is to fill existing gaps in worker protections. However, many employers already provide generous leave policies to their employees. Employers that already provide generous leave policies of 160 hours paid leave or more per year should be exempt from complying with this policy.

**Exempt any business or organization that was closed or not operating for a period for 14 or more days due to official emergency orders related to COVID-19.**

Exempting businesses and organizations that closed or were not operating for 14 or more days due to official emergency orders related to COVID-19 reduces the burden on employers that are not open or have been significantly impacted by public health orders related to the local declaration of emergency.

We thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jessica Lall, President & CEO  
Central City Association of Los Angeles

**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 introduced by Santa Anita (which make the beaches look 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 to 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 that 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 other non-essential businesses can't be similarly run without 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

racetracking 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:** [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  
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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.

Thank you for your consideration,

Dan

**Dan Pennington**

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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

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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:** [Blueplenilune](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 14 Worker Protection, 19 Safety Reopen., 20 Economic Recovery  
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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

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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

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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 Kennington 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

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

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Minds are like parachutes, they function only when open!

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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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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:** [MARTHA BOWEN](#)  
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Hi I am writing to support horse racing at Sant Anita. Hundreds of people's jobs and lives depend on it. Please let them race! Thank you Martha BOWEN

Sent from my iPhone

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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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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 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.

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:** [Saydi Mayorga](#)  
**To:** [First District](#); [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [Sheila](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Cc:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Support of Paid Sick Leave Policy  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:09:14 PM

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Hello my name is Saydi Mayorga,

I'm a constituent of Supervisorial District X. I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 of the agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections.

Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies.

Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents.

Sincerely,  
Saydi Mayorga

**From:** [Jan DAmato](#)  
**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:** [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:** [mocrumbo](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Barger, Kathryn](#); [ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov](mailto:ehmail@ph.lacounty.gov)  
**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 anyone 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:** [steven simon](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [First District](#); [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [Sheila](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment, April 27 Agenda -- Items 14 and 36  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:01:57 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Steven Simon and I live in the First Supervisorial District. I'm writing in support of Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. I'd also urge you to pass an amended version that:

- prohibits employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines
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- extends this policy to hold for all workers across the County, including in cities that don't have a similar policy.

Thank you,

Steven Simon

**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 necessity 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:** [kasandra.cordova](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Worker Protections - Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:57:55 PM

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My name is Kasandra Cordova 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 for representing and listening to the needs of your residents.

Kasandra

**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:** [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:** [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:** [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

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:** [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 horse's 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:** [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:** [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:** [Madeline Low](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Worker Protections - Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:51:33 PM

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My name is Madeline Low 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.

**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**

**5441 Dubois Ave.**

**Los Angeles, Ca. 91367**

**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:** [Tim Goodwin](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
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**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:** [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:** [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:** [Ira M.](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda 14 Workers Protections April 28, 2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:06:15 PM

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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this email to hope that a "proper" review is done, and implemented in the situation at Santa Anita Racetrack. I have read the protocol report sent in by The Stronach Group, owners of Santa Anita Racetrack. It gives every an excellent analysis of what will be implemented to protect the workers at the racetrack, be it trainers, jockeys, grooms, hot walkers, etc.. Nobody wants safety for these workers more than the workers themselves and the owners of the track and the owners of the horses..

By allowing the plan to be put into affect all of the employees will be first, safely protected so that the CV-19 cant spread. Second , allow them to continue getting paid. Many of these workers are living pay check to pay check and have no alternative options for work.

I have always been a person of reason, logic, and common sense.

I hope you will allow Santa Anita Racetrack to implement its plan and use your reason, logic and common sense in this matter.

Thanks

Ira Mendel

**From:** [ttucker@ca.rr.com](mailto:ttucker@ca.rr.com)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** FW: IItem 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 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:** [Britney Eurton](#)  
**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 Eurton

**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:** [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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**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:** [Trang Tran](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** item #14 + Item #36 for 4/28/20 meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:19:11 PM

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My name is Trang Tran, 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.

Trang

**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:** [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:** [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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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:** [Sarah Pinho](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Worker Protections - Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:16:16 PM

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My name is Sarah Pinho, 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.

**From:** [Zacariah Flores](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Comment on Worker Protections - Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:58:50 AM

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My name is Zacariah Flores 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.

**Zacariah Flores | He/Him - El**

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**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:** [John Garvey](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Items 14 17 and 20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:58:04 AM

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Ms. Barger, I have missed seeing you at Mijares, enjoying some good cheer with constituents and friends.

Speaking of friends, I can tell you unequivocally who is not your friend: PETA. They have their own vengeful agenda. Be careful.

I pen this on behalf of the horse racing industry and its wonderful servants. It is a labor of love for those on the backstretch. They work endless hours because they absolutely love the horses and take care of them as such.

Please give them their love and their livelihoods back.

LET THEM RACE.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [Mark Louchheim](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Ordinance  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:15:03 PM

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Dear Board of County Supervisors,

First of all thank you for your efforts and help to our community. You have done and continue to do a great job for our county. However, the Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Ordinance being considered tomorrow will make it more difficult to operate our businesses at a time in which every business is facing enormous challenges in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic. Right now I am spending every minute dealing with this crisis and do not have time to read the full bill or even to reach out and engage with others.

In a quick glance, it puts regulatory burdens on companies such as ours that provide robust and generous sick leave policies, and will create confusion with our employees. Providing artificial criteria about how businesses should be run without understanding how they work and the potential unintended consequences is just wrong.

This is the time to speed up government responsiveness and slow down rule making and new laws. If anything, the County Board of Supervisors should look at suspending laws and policies that are getting in the way of solving this crisis such as ways to deal with this emerging crisis – not make new ones.

And, passage of this measure will send a chilling message, and second thoughts, to any business thinking about opening up in Los Angeles County.

Yours truly,

*Mark*

**Mark Louchheim**

President

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**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 Californian 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 lose.

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  
702-218-2208

**From:** [Mariana Huerta Jones](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Agenda Items #14 + #36  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:13:17 PM

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My name is Mariana Huerta and I strongly support the entire Healthy LA platform. I urge the Board of Supervisors to enact a strong, permanent right of recall, worker retention, and supplemental paid sick leave policies.

My brother and sister, who are residents of Unincorporated East LA, have both been laid off from their jobs of over 5 years each and need a guarantee that they will be rehired when the emergency stay at home orders are lifted. They both live with and support our elderly parents and must be assured that they will go back to their work so that they can continue supporting them. Additionally, my siblings will need paid sick leave when they return to work in the case that they become ill or either of our parents fall ill.

Thank you.

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Mariana Huerta Jones  
Senior Coalition & Communications Manager  
[Alliance for Community Transit Los Angeles \(ACT-LA\)](#)  
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**From:** [Kristen Schwarz](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [First District](#); [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [Sheila](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Subject:** Please adopt Items 14 and 36 tomorrow, and suspend doctors' notes  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:11:43 PM

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Kristen Schwarz, I'm a constituent of District 2 and Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas. I'm writing to urge the County Board of Supervisors to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. I'm also asking you to please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, **in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies**. Access to a doctor during this time is not business as usual, doctors' workloads are not business as usual, and businesses should not be able to ask workers to put themselves at further risk by demanding they get a doctor's note.

Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents!

Warmly,  
Kristen Schwarz

**From:** [Pamela Leo](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item #14 + Item #36 4/28/20 ( Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave Agenda)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 11:44:05 AM

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My name is Pamela Leo 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.

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Pamela Leo  
MPA Student  
USC | Price School of Public Policy  
Preferred Pronouns: she/her/hers

**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.

Edwin Gredvig  
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Altadena, Ca 91001  
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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 horse's extra sensory movements; they must be acutely aware because horses in training at racetracks are highly strung and ready to "go" in a moment's 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  
90034  
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:** [Karen Takahashi](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 14-Worker Protections - Reopen Santa Anita  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:18:28 AM

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LA County Board,

I'm in favor of reopening for the backstretch workers not being forced into homelessness. They want to work— not be reliant on unemployment & welfare. The Arboratium across the street is not essential. The peacocks could fend for themselves as they freely roam the neighborhood.

Horses need to be cared for & exercised 24\7 & without racing proceeds, the caregivers are unable to make a living. Most are immigrants facing discrimination & the negative perception last year.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen

Sent from my iPad

**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  
13560 Medinac Lane #102-I  
Seal Beach CA 90740

**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.

Sent from my iPad

**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:** [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:** [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

>> 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.

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>> 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.

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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:** [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:** [Gina Viola](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Sheila](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment 04/28/2020 Items #14 and #36  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 10:33:06 AM

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My name is Gina Viola 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.

Gina Viola ([she/her/hers](#))



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**From:** [Danielle Carne](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36 04/28/2020  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 12:41:40 PM

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My name is Danielle Carne and I strongly support the entire Healthy LA platform. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors must enact a strong, permanent right of recall, promote worker retention, and enact supplemental paid sick leave policies. Workers should be able to take paid sick leave to take care of their health and that 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, even if companies go bankrupt and/or are sold during the crisis. Thank you.

Danielle Carne

**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 Health 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 by 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 through 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:** [John Erickson](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item #14 + Item #36 and 4/28/20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:40:48 PM

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My name is John Erickson 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!  
John Erickson

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**John Erickson**  
**(he/him/his)**

**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:** [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:** [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  
[Food & Water Watch](#) and [Food & Water Action](#)

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Fight like you live here.

**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 there 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:** [Laura Joseph](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Worker Protections  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 1:59:30 PM

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I'm a constituent of Supervisorial District 5. I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies. Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents.

Thank you

Laura Joseph

Pasadena, CA

**From:** [Haley Potiker](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [First District](#); [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [Sheila](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment on agenda items 14 and 36  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:01:22 PM

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Hello my name is Haley and I'm a constituent of Supervisor Solis.

I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections.

Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies.

Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents and workers.

**From:** [Yelena Zeltser](#)  
**To:** [First District](#); [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [Sheila](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Cc:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Please Adopt Sick Leave for LA County  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:09:38 PM

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Hello my name is Yelena Zeltser and I live in Supervisorial District 2.

I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. **I urge you to consider extending this policy to cover cities in LA County that don't have their own policies.**

Please also amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies.

Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents.

Yelena Zeltser

**From:** [Nicolas Emmons](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Item #14 + Item #36  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:10:05 PM

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My name is Nicolas Emmons 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.

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Nicolas Emmons  
(805) 861-0134 (m)

**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 it's 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 there 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 it's 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 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 Angeles 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)  
**To:** [Public.Comments@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:Public.Comments@bos.lacounty.gov)  
**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 re open without fans in the stands. To date there has been ZERO Covid-19 cases at Santa Anita. Our horsemen and woman 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. Therefore 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 Eurton](#)  
**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 Eurton

**From:** [ED ORTIZ](#)  
**To:** [First District](#); [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [Sheila](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Cc:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Paid Sick Leave and Worker Protections  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:21:09 PM

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Good afternoon,

My name is Edgar Ortiz and I'm a constituent of Supervisorial District 1. I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies. Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents.

Best,  
Edgar Ortiz

**From:** [Hodan Hassan](#)  
**To:** [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [Sheila](#); [irstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:irstdistrict@bos.lacounty.gov); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Cc:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Paid Sick Leave and Worker Protections, Agenda items 14 and 36  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:16:41 PM

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Hello, my name is Hodan Hassan and I'm a constituent of Supervisorial District 2. I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies. Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents.

Best,

Hodan Hassan

**From:** [Rosten Woo](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#); [First District](#); [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [Sheila](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Subject:** PAID SICK LEAVE IS A MUST  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:15:07 PM

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Hello my name is Rosten WOo and I'm a constituent of Supervisorial District 1. I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies, and please consider extending this policy to cover cities that don't have their own policies. Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents.

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**From:** [David Levitus, LA Forward](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 4/28/20 meeting - Item #14 + Item #36 - Worker Protections – Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:33:03 PM

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My name is David Levitus 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.

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David Levitus, Ph.D.  
Founder & Executive Director  
LA Forward

[LAForward.org](http://LAForward.org)

**From:** [James Elmendorf](#)  
**To:** [First District](#); [markridley-thomas@bos.lacounty.go](mailto:markridley-thomas@bos.lacounty.go); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Sheila](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#)  
**Cc:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** paid sick days  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:37:02 PM

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I am writing in support of items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, both of which are necessary steps to protect workers in today's crisis.

Adopting a sick leave policy will keep people from infecting others because they can't afford not to work. For that reason, I would like to urge one key improvement: don't require a doctor's note. The CDC has recommended against that kind of language, and even the federal bill signed by Trump doesn't require it.

Thanks.

James Elmendorf  
District 1 resident

**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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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.

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Thank you for your consideration,

Russ Sapienza

**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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Thank you,

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April 27, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger  
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500 West Temple Street, Suite 869  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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**From:** [jill thomas](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** santa anita re opening  
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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 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.

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Maureen McCulley

**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:** [jayemess@att.net](mailto:jayemess@att.net)  
**To:** [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 than 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:** [Daniel Gaines](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** #14, #36, #20, #18, General  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:54:49 PM

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My name is Daniel Gaines 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.

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.

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.

Finally, 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.

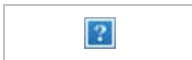
**From:** [Katie Waters-Smith](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item #14 + Item #36 for meeting on 4/28/20  
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My name is Katherine Waters-Smith and I strongly support the entire Healthy LA platform. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors 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.

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**From:** [Andrea Gonzalez](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:55:36 PM

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My name is Andrea Gonzalez 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.

**From:** [juliana.raimundo](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36) 04/28  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:56:15 PM

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My name is Juliana Raimundo 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.

**From:** [Jaime Garcia](#)  
**To:** [Banken, Monica](#); [Ippolito, Nick](#); [Chen, Cindy](#); [Shultz, Elan](#); [Katona, Karly](#); [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Molina-Aviles, Martha](#); [Angela Gentry](#)  
**Subject:** Supplemental Paid Leave Comment Letter (Agenda Item #36)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:58:14 PM  
**Attachments:** [SUPPLEMENTALPAIDSICKLEAVE \(002\) Mayors exec Order 4 8 2020.pdf](#)

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**RE: Board of Supervisors Meeting, April 28 Agenda  
Item # 36 - OPPOSE  
Via E-mail**

Dear Honorable Chairwoman Barger and Members of the County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jaime Garcia, RVP, with the Hospital Association of Southern California, and I wish to share our opposition to amending Title 8 Consumer Protection, Business and Wage Regulations to constitute the Los Angeles County COVID-19 Worker Protection Ordinance.

On behalf of over 90 hospitals and health systems in Los Angeles County, all of whom are intensely focused on responding to the COVID-19 pandemic, we would like to provide input on the expanded paid sick leave ordinance. Hospitals and health systems are presently working diligently to expand their capacity by an additional 40 percent per Governor Gavin Newsom's directive. This action is needed in order to prepare for the anticipated surge of patients seeking medical treatment due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Accomplishing this directive requires a series of steps that include, but not limited to deployment of temporary tent(s) outside a hospital, purchasing additional supplies, equipment acquisition; and recruitment of additional health care workers to support the temporary expanded operation during this pandemic.

As large employers that care about the health and well-being of their employees, hospitals and health systems already have generous paid time off and paid sick leave policies. If a hospital or clinic employee is ill, we want them to stay home and recuperate. There are current programs in place, including existing paid time off policies (some of which have already been enhanced), and state short-term disability to provide financial support.

While the County's ordinance addresses an exemption for health care workers and first responders, we respectfully request clarifying language that is inclusive of all workers within a hospital. Specifically, we need to reinstate language that an **"employer of an employee"** would be exempt as

originally drafted - which eliminates the ambiguous language in this current version. This would also align with the executive order that Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti enacted (not the Council approved motion) earlier this month. We seek the following:

#### **8.200.050. EXEMPTIONS**

A. **An Employer of an Employee** who is either an Emergency Responder or a health care provider as defined in Section 12945.2 of the California Government Code, Families First Coronavirus Response Act (HR 6201), and the Department of Labor Regulations shall be exempt from this Chapter.

B. An Employer of an Employee that is a federal, state, or local government agency shall be exempt from this Chapter.

#### **8.200.140 EXEMPTION OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT**

The Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) exemption language is significantly flawed. As written, the exemption only applies if the parties to an existing collective bargaining agreement specifically agree to waive the terms of this ordinance. That would require hospitals and health care systems with existing CBAs to reopen negotiations to bargain over and achieve an addendum to every CBA, waiving each of these provisions. Reopening each of those contracts would be extremely burdensome at a time when we should all be focused on our shared and unprecedented challenges of preserving the life and health of our community.

In closing, we oppose the current draft ordinance. And, respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors given its interest on this issue to align itself with the City's enacted interpretation rather than a Northern California county from a local administrative and compliance perspective.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (213) 538-0702.

#### **Jaime Garcia**

Regional Vice President – Los Angeles

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ERIC GARCETTI  
MAYOR

**Public Order Under City of Los Angeles Emergency Authority**

**Issue Date: April 7, 2020**

**Subject: Supplemental Paid Sick Leave Due to COVID-19**

On March 27, 2020, the City Council passed an Ordinance (Council File: 20-0147-S39) adding Article 5-72HH to Chapter XX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code, to provide supplemental paid sick leave to workers affected by COVID-19. I applaud the City Council for thinking boldly and acting quickly to pass supplemental paid sick leave, enabling more Angelenos to be safer at home to stop the spread of this disease and care for affected family members.

In the midst of this public health crisis and economic upheaval, we must also anticipate that workers could suffer through layoffs if this City imposes excessive burdens and costs upon businesses — many of which have ceased operations, lost customers, and sustained catastrophic losses due to this pandemic. We must also ensure that City regulations do not unintentionally cause staffing shortages at hospitals and critical health facilities that are on the frontlines of our fight against this pandemic. In my judgment, the modifications put into place by this emergency Order strike a necessary balance of these interests, and I hope the City Council will consider amending its ordinance with these provisions in the near future.

Until then, this Emergency Order will promote public health, protect jobs and preserve economic stability.

Therefore, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Los Angeles under the provisions of the Los Angeles Administrative Code, Chapter 3, Section 8.29 to promulgate, issue, and enforce emergency rules, regulations, orders, and directives, I hereby declare the following to be necessary for the protection of life and property and order, effective immediately, during the emergency period, that Article 5-72HH of Chapter XX of the Los Angeles Municipal Code be suspended during this local emergency period and replaced and superseded with the following provisions:

## **I. COVID-19 SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE.**

- A. An Employee who has been employed with the same Employer from February 3, 2020 through March 4, 2020, is entitled to supplemental paid sick leave, if an Employee is unable to work or telework, as follows:
  - 1. An Employee who works at least 40 hours per week or is classified as a full-time Employee by the Employer shall receive 80 hours of supplemental paid sick leave. Supplemental paid sick leave shall be calculated based on an Employee's average two week pay over the period of February 3, 2020 through March 4, 2020.
  - 2. An Employee who works less than 40 hours per week and is not classified as a full-time Employee by the Employer shall receive supplemental paid sick leave in an amount no greater than the Employee's average two week pay over the period of February 3, 2020 through March 4, 2020.
- B. For purposes of this Order, an Employee is an individual who performs any work within the geographic boundaries of the City for an Employer. For purposes of this Order, an Employer is a person in Section 18 of the California Labor Code, including a corporate officer or executive, who directly or through an agent or any other person, including through the services of a temporary service or staffing agency or similar entity, employs or exercises control over the wages, hours or working conditions of any Employee. This Order shall apply to an Employer that has either: (i) 500 or more employees within the City of Los Angeles; or (ii) 2,000 or more employees within the United States.
- C. In no event shall the supplemental paid sick leave amount paid to an Employee exceed \$511 per day and \$5,110 in the aggregate. Employees of joint Employers are only entitled to the total aggregate amount of leave specified for Employees of one Employer.

## **II. EMPLOYEE REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL PAID SICK LEAVE.**

- A. An Employer shall provide supplemental paid sick leave upon the oral or written request of an Employee if:
  - 1. The Employee takes time off due to COVID-19 infection or because a public health official or healthcare provider requires or recommends the Employee isolate or self quarantine to prevent the spread of COVID-19;

2. The Employee takes time off work because the Employee is at least 65 years old or has a health condition such as heart disease, asthma, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease, or weakened immune system;
  3. The Employee takes time off work because the Employee needs to care for a family member who is not sick but who public health officials or healthcare providers have required or recommended isolation or self-quarantine; or
  4. The Employee takes time off work because the Employee needs to provide care for a family member whose senior care provider or whose school or child care provider caring for a child under the age of 18 temporarily ceases operations in response to a public health or other public officials recommendation. This provision is only applicable to an Employee who is unable to secure a reasonable alternative caregiver.
- B. An Employer may not require a doctor's note or other documentation for the use of Supplemental Paid Sick Leave.

### **III. EMPLOYER OFFSET.**

An Employer's obligation to provide 80 hours of Supplemental Paid Sick Leave under this Order shall be reduced for every hour an Employer allowed an Employee to take paid leave in an amount equal to or greater than the requirements in Section II, not including previously accrued hours, on or after March 4, 2020, for any of the reasons described in Paragraph II.A.1-4 or in response to an Employee's inability to work due to COVID-19.

### **IV. EXEMPTIONS.**

- A. Emergency and Health Services Personnel. An Employer of an Employee who is either Emergency Personnel or a health care worker shall be exempt from this Order. Emergency Personnel refers to individual specified in the April 1, 2020 City of Los Angeles Safer at Home emergency order Paragraph 5(vi), including all first responders, gang and crisis intervention workers, public health workers, emergency management personnel, emergency dispatchers, law enforcement personnel, and related contractors and others working for emergency services providers. A health care worker shall encompass individuals described in California Government Code Section 12945.2(c)(6) or individuals, including

contract workers, working at a health facility licensed under California Health & Safety Code Section 1250.

- B. Critical Parcel Delivery. An Employer of an Employee that provides global parcel delivery services shall be exempt from this Order. For purposes of this Order, global parcel delivery is an essential Emergency Service vital to the health and safety during this pandemic.
- C. Generous Leave. If an Employer has a paid leave or paid time off policy that provides a minimum of 160 hours of paid leave annually, the Employer is exempt from any obligation to provide supplemental leave pursuant to this Order for the Employee that received the more generous paid leave.
- D. New Business Exemption. This Order exempts new businesses that started in the City or businesses that relocated from outside the City on or after September 4, 2019 through March 4, 2020. To qualify, an Employer could not have been in business in the City in the 2018 tax year. The following businesses shall not qualify for this new business exemption: construction businesses as defined in Section 21.30 b.1 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code or film producers as defined in Section 21.109 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code.
- E. Government. This Order does not apply to employees of government agencies working within the course and scope of their public service employment.
- F. Closed Businesses and Organizations. Any business or organization that was closed or not operating for a period of 14 or more days due to a city official's emergency order because of the COVID-19 pandemic or provided at least 14 days of leave shall be exempt from the requirements of this Order

## **V. ENFORCEMENT.**

- A. An Employee claiming a violation of this Order may bring an action in Superior Court of the State of California against an Employer and may be awarded:
  - 1. Reinstatement to the position the Employee was discharged in violation of this Order.
  - 2. Back pay and Supplemental Paid Sick Leave unlawfully withheld, calculated at the Employee's average rate of pay.

3. Other legal or equitable relief the court may deem appropriate.

- B. If an Employee is the prevailing party in any legal action taken pursuant to this Order, the court may award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs as part of the costs recoverable.

#### **VI. RETALIATORY ACTION PROHIBITED.**

No Employer shall discharge, reduce in compensation or otherwise discriminate against any Employee for opposing any practice proscribed by this Order, for requesting to use or actually using Supplemental Paid Sick Leave under this Order, for participating in proceedings related to this Order, for seeking to enforce his or her rights under this Order by any lawful means, or for otherwise asserting rights under this Order.

#### **VII. NO WAIVER OF RIGHTS.**

Any waiver by an Employee of any or all of the provisions of this Order shall be deemed contrary to public policy and shall be void and unenforceable.

#### **VIII. COEXISTENCE WITH OTHER AVAILABLE RELIEF FOR SPECIFIC DEPRIVATIONS OF PROTECTED RIGHTS.**

With the exception of rights and remedies provided to employees pursuant to the federal Families First Coronavirus Response Act (HR 6201), the provisions of this Order are in addition to or independent of any other rights, remedies, or procedures available under any other law and do not diminish, alter, or negate any other legal rights, remedies, or procedures available to an Employee.

#### **IX. CONFLICTS.**

Nothing in this Order shall be interpreted or applied to create any power or duty in conflict with any federal or state law.

#### **X. SEVERABILITY.**

If any subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Order is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Order. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Order and each and every subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof not declared invalid or unconstitutional, without

regard to whether any portion of the Order would be subsequently declared invalid or unconstitutional.

#### **XI. EXPIRATION OF ORDER.**

Due to the extraordinary effects on employment resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic, this order shall be in effect until two calendar weeks after the expiration of the COVID-19 local emergency period.

#### **XII. EXEMPTION FOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT.**

A collective bargaining agreement in place on the effective date of this Order may supersede the provisions of this Order if it contains COVID-19 related sick leave provisions. When the collective bargaining agreement expires or is otherwise open for renegotiation, the provisions of this Order may only be expressly waived if the waiver is explicitly set forth in the agreement in clear and unambiguous terms. If a collective bargaining agreement is in place on the effective date of this Order but the agreement does not address COVID-19 related sick leave provisions, the Employer must comply with this Order unless and until the agreement is amended to expressly waive in clear and unambiguous terms set forth in the agreement.

#### **XIII. OFFICE OF WAGE STANDARDS.**

The Office of Wage Standards (OWS) of the Bureau of Contract Administration shall promulgate Rule and Regulations consistent with this Order. The Rules and Regulations shall be posted on [WagesLA.lacity.org](http://WagesLA.lacity.org) and may be relied upon by Employees and Employers to determine their rights and responsibilities under this Order.

  
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Eric Garcetti, MAYOR

Dated: April 7, 2020 at Los Angeles, California  
Time: 9:15pm

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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  
**Attachments:** [BOS. agenda response, 4-28-20.docx](#)

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BOS,

Once again you are major law breakers on purpose. Her is the written response 2 min. before deadline.

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

ITEMS

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.

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 of 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 your criminal activities against the public and risking putting every decision you make in jeopardy due to the Cease 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:** [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

**From:** [Nicole Anhauser](#)  
**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:** [James Wen](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment: Items #14, #36, #20, #18, & General Comment on Eviction Protections  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:53:33 PM

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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

Thank you very much for your work during this pandemic to help ensure the health and safety of LA County residents. My name is James Wen, a Burbank resident, and I strongly support the entire Healthy LA platform:

- Items #14 & #36, **Worker Protections - Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave of the 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.
- Item #20, **Roadmap to Recovery of the 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.
- Item #18, **Litigation Against City of Norwalk for interference with Project Room Key of the 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.
- **General Public Comment on Eviction Protections for the Healthy LA platform.** I live in the City of Burbank. **Multiple municipal eviction directives that are inconsistent with each other causes confusion as friends and family talk with each other trying to understand which policies to apply in order to make moving arrangements.** 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 for listening and for your public service.

Kind regards,  
James Wen  
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**From:** [Bertha Gonzalez](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Worker Protections - Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36)  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:52:54 PM

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

My name is Bertha Gonzalez 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.

**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 14 - Worker Protections  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:45:07 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:** [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,

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**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:** [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,

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.

Thank you for your consideration,

Christopher M. Fronczek



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**To:** [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [First District](#); [Sheila](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Cc:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment: In support of items 14 and 36 on the 4/28/20 agenda  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:36:33 PM

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Hello my name is Alma Castrejon and I live in the LA County 2nd District. I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies. Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents.

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Alma Castrejon  
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**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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**From:** [kellyarubin@aol.com](mailto:kellyarubin@aol.com)  
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**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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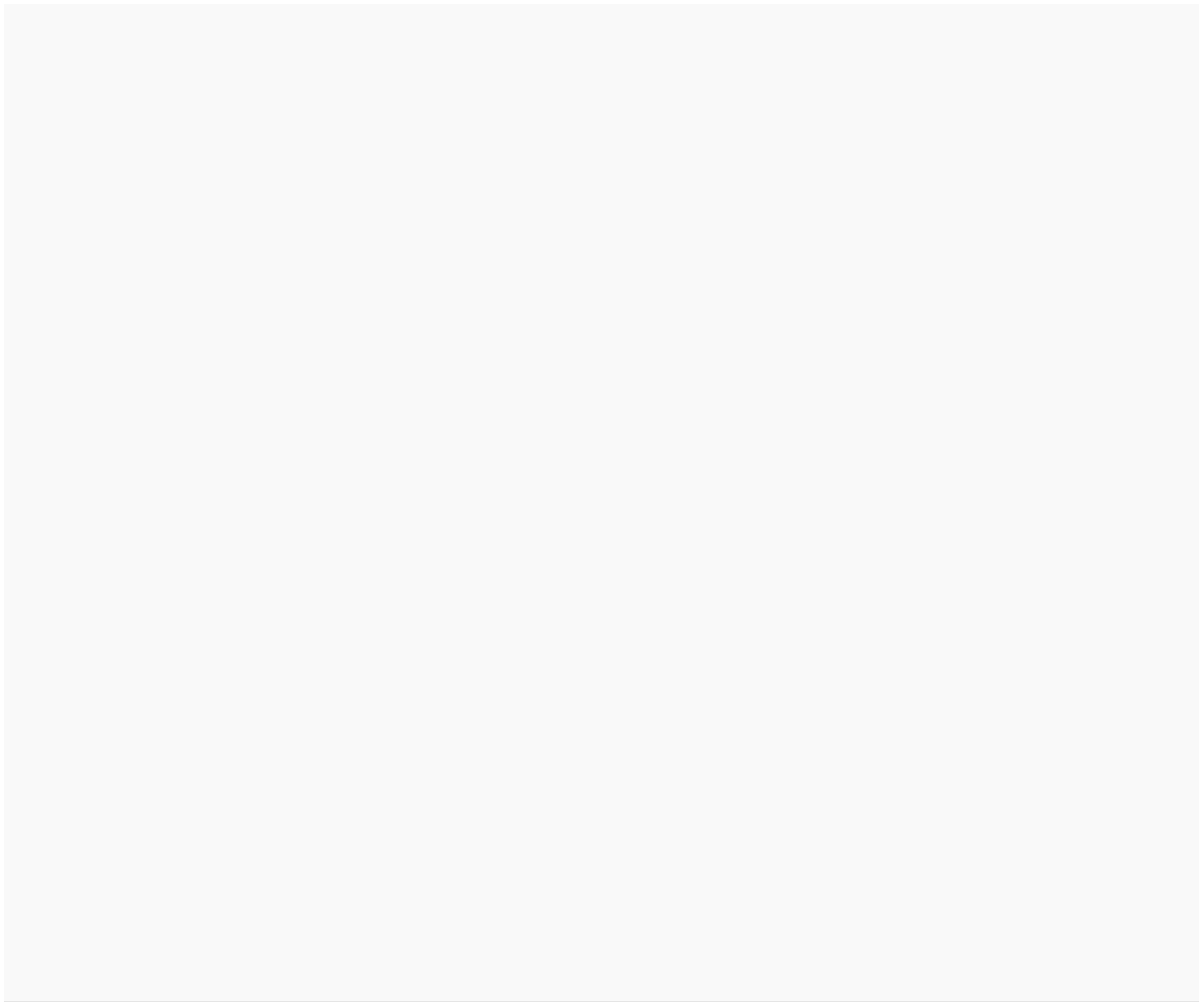
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**From:** [Jack](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Comment for April 28, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:34:17 PM

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April 27, 2020

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
Board Operations Division  
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500 West Temple Street  
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Los Angeles, CA 90012

Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

With reference to your April 28, 2020 regular meeting, Agenda Item 14-Worker Protections; Item 19 Safely Reopening Los Angeles County; and Item 20 Los Angeles County Roadmap to Economic Recovery.

While some industries are able to cease or pause operations, that is not an option for the horseracing industry. Live racing provides the financial support for the well-being of the horses and the workers who care for them, as well as for the owners, trainers and related industry professionals; veterinarians, feed and tack suppliers, etc. The 1,700 racehorses stabled at Santa Anita and San Luis Rey Downs are well conditioned athletes, they cannot simply be left in their stalls without daily exercise.

On March 27, 2020 based on a complaint, live racing was prohibited by the Los Angeles County Health Department at Santa Anita Park as a "non-essential" business. There have been no reports of positive COVID-19 infections at Santa Anita and live racing at Los Alamitos Race Course has continued with no reports of COVID-19. Before the "stay-at-home" orders were issued, Santa Anita was first closed to the public, then to all non-essential persons. Santa Anita Park is basically a self-contained community and in my opinion there is no threat to the welfare and safety of its workers, employees or equine athletes by allowing live racing (no spectators) to begin again.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jack Di Lemme

**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, 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

**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

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**From:** [Kristian Cardenas](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public comment for Item #14 + Item #36 for meeting on 4/28/20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:30:53 PM

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My name is Kristian Cardenas with InnerCity Struggle 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. Please enact strong protections for workers. Thank you.



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**From:** [Mario Fuentes](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Cc:** [Mario Fuentes](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item # 20, Item #14 + Item #36 Meeting date 04/28/20  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:30:18 PM

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

My name is Min. Mario Fuentes, 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.

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

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.

Min. Mario Fuentes  
LA Voice, Lead Organizer  
A member of PICO CA and Faith In Action national network (formerly PICO National)

**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:** [Christie Leece](#)  
**To:** [First District](#); [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [Sheila](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#)  
**Cc:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Support enhance sick leave policy!  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:27:10 PM

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Hello my name is Christie Leece and I'm a constituent of Supervisorial District 3.

I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies, and please consider extending this policy to cover cities that don't have their own policies.

Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents!

**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

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**From:** [inre 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

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**From:** [Laura Chipman](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** 14- Worker Protection  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:21:42 PM

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Farmers markets w/ no social distancing = OK.

Beaches w/ no masks = OK.

LA Arboretum open, sold out and shuttling in people = OK.

Santa Anita Race Track with masks, gloves, contained population and no fans = health concern (POLITICAL AGENDA).

Thank You,  
Laura Chipman

**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:** [Ruby Rivera](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** BOS Agenda April 28, 2020 Agenda Items #14 and #36  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:12:23 PM

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

My name is Ruby Rivera 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,

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Ruby Rivera, MSW  
Director of Programs and Policy

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**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 Part 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:** [jose palomera](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Worker Protections - Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36):  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:12:00 PM

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My name is Jose Palomera 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.

Thank you

Jose Palomera

**From:** [Regis Duffy](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Paid Sick Leave Policy  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:11:27 PM

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Hi

My name is Regis Duffy and I'm a constituent of the thrid Supervisorial District X. I urge you to please adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies and please consider extending this policy to cover cities that don't have their own policies.

Anything less than this will jeopardize the long-term safety and function of Los Angeles. Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents.

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- Regis

**From:** [Tayler Ward](#)  
**To:** [First District](#); [The Office of Mark Ridley-Thomas](#); [Barger, Kathryn](#); [Supervisor Janice Hahn \(Fourth District\)](#); [Sheila](#)  
**Cc:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Public Comment- Items 14 and 36  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:09:10 PM

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Good Afternoon,

My name is Tayler Ward and I'm a constituent of Supervisorial District 2. I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies. I also ask you to consider expanding this measure to cover cities that do not have their own COVID-19 sick leave policies.

Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents.

Best wishes,  
Tayler Ward

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**Tayler Ward, MPH/MURP Student**  
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UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

**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:** [Brooke Wirtschafter](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Eviction Protections  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 4:03:37 PM  
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### **Comment on Eviction Protections (General Public Comment):**

My name is Brooke Wirtschafter 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.

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

My name is \_\_\_\_ 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.

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

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ 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.

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

My name is \_\_\_\_\_ 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.



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**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:** [CynthiaMike210](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Previous email entitled Resume Horse Racing April 28, 2020 Item 14- Worker Protections  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:57:16 PM

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In the email I previously sent at **3:37 pm today, April 27** I failed to reference the agenda number and meeting date

The meeting date I failed to include is **April 28 and the agenda number is Item 14- Worker Protection.**

I apologize for the error.

Sincerely,  
Cynthia Swanson  
Monrovia, CA

**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:** [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  
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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-specator 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

**By Jason Henry**

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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.

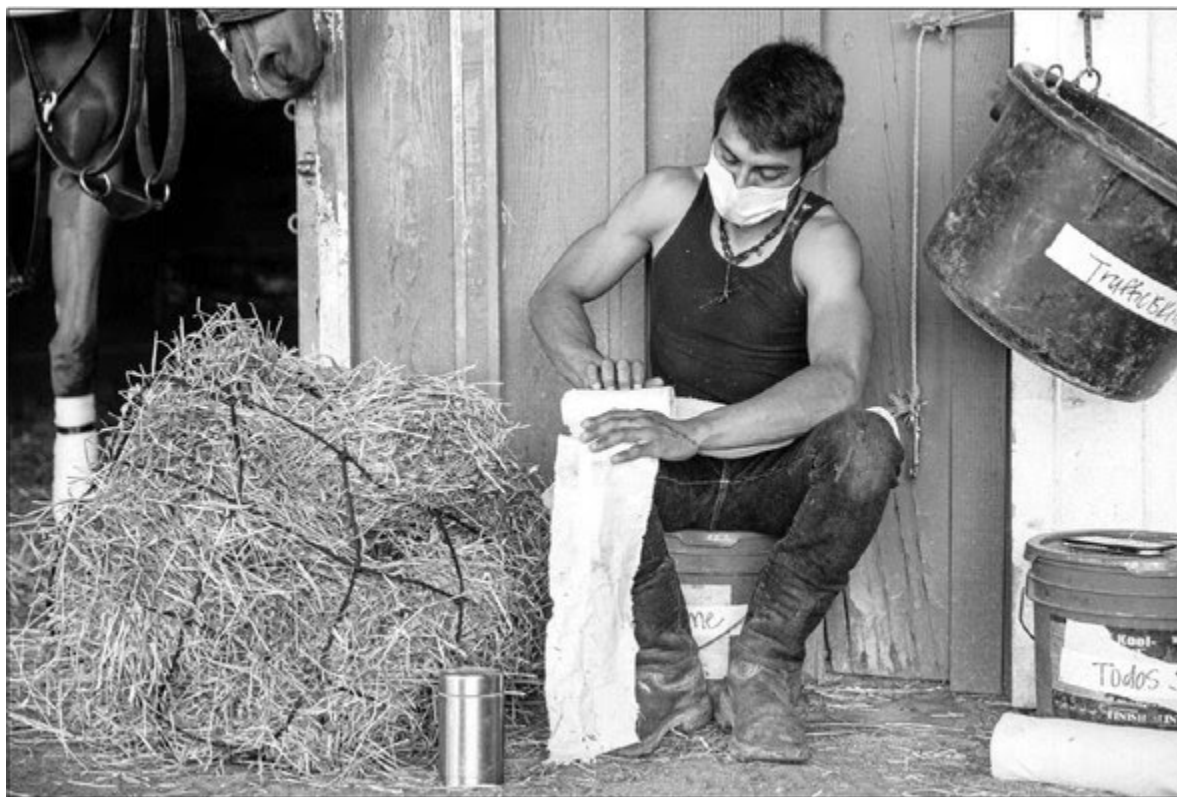
"A lot of families don't have the opportunity where they have someone else providing income," he said. "The racetrack is the only source of income that they have."

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

Supervisor Kathryn Barger  
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
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County of Los Angeles  
Department of Public Health  
Office of Communications and Public Affairs  
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Ms. Sachi A. Hamai  
Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles County  
500 West Temple Street, Room 358  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

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.

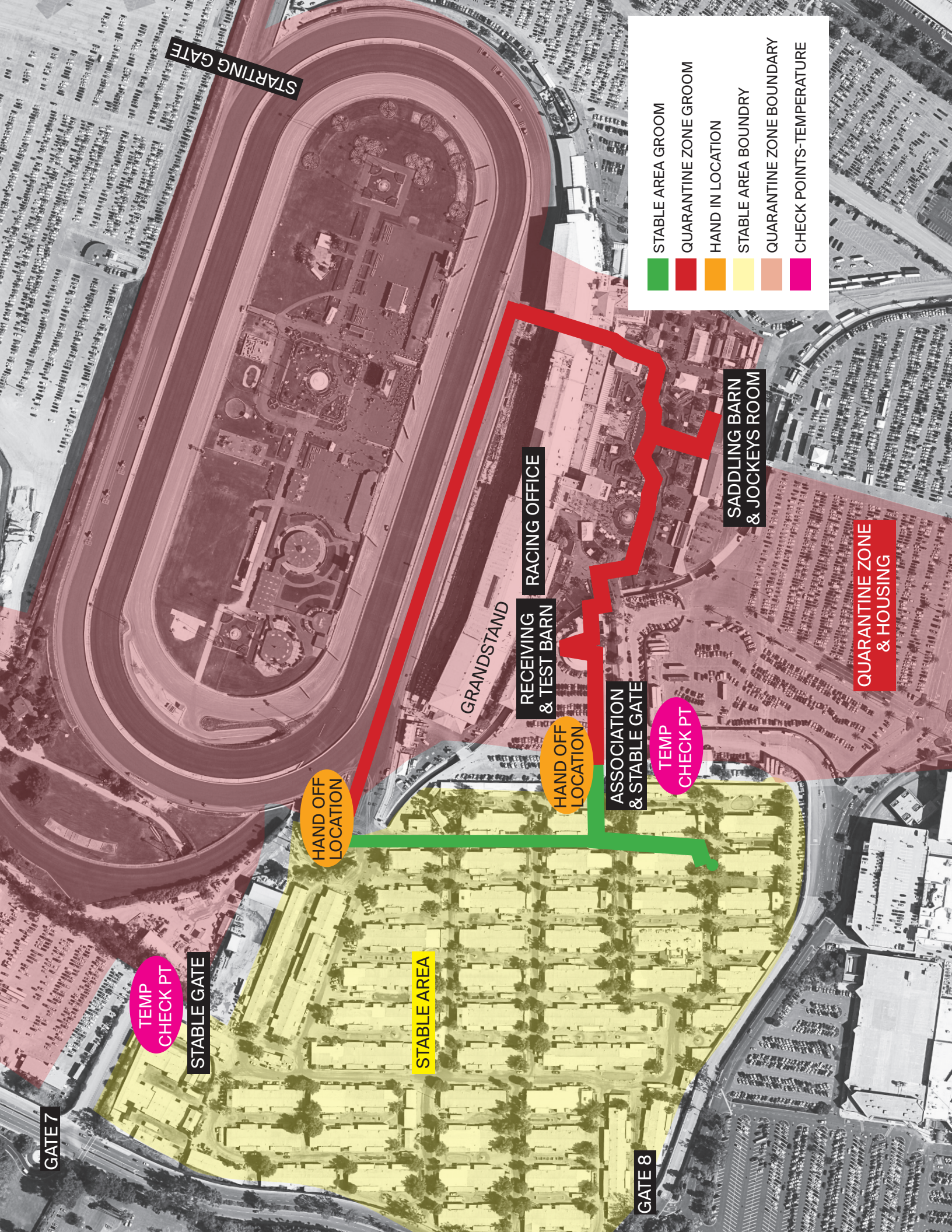
To be clear, Santa Anita Park understand and will always strive for compliance with government orders. We will continue to do everything within our power to protect the health and safety of our essential personnel and the horses they care for. We have the ability to limit exposure per health and governmental 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'ABL', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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

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### **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:** [Adam Kaloostian](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** April 28, 2020 meeting- comment on agenda item #14- worker protections  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:51:30 PM

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Dear honorable board of supervisors,

I ask you to please allow immediate resumption of live horse racing at Santa Anita Park in Arcadia, for the economic and health safety of the multiple hundred on site workers and their families (and for that matter, the horses). The proposed procedures seem reasonable. Without resumption of live racing immediately, we may face up to a thousand people or more displaced into LA County without income and without health care. Even if they could secure unemployment and public health care quickly, which is doubtful, this is an additional strain on the cities, the county and the state at a time when resources are contracting or uncertain. And also there will be these hundreds of people forced out into new living situations (probably many in LA County) while you are keeping everyone otherwise on shutdown. No good.

Truly I wish the county supervisors would just publish guidelines and recommendations for county businesses (including things like Santa Anita) but leave it up to the businesses and the people whether to follow them and to what degree. Use your bully pulpit sure, but a county board (even with its many layers of advisors) trying to manage a population with such a heavy hand is oppressive. In fact another fear I have is that if you continue this course of decorations and orders rather than recommendations and guidelines, you will discredit your board, and so much of the good work you do going forward will be lost. Eventually, too much government makes itself obsolete.

I grew up in LA County, am there spending a lot of money through many different avenues constantly, do a lot of business there, parents still live there. I'll be living there again someday I'm sure! I hope you will allow your residents to act in what is in their collective opinion, their own best interest. Santa Anita running again is not a public health threat.

Thanks for receiving my input-  
Adam Kaloostian  
Upland, CA

**From:** [Pete Beals](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Item 14- Worker Protections, Item 19 Safely Opening LA county, item 20 LA County Roadmap to Economic Recovery  
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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

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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:** [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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**Subject:** 14-Worker Protections; (April 28, 2020)  
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Hello,

Hope you are doing well.

Please consider re opening Santa Anita Race Track.

The race track is taking important extra measures to keep all of us safe. We have 750 people that work on the backside and they live there and take care of the horses. They will be homeless and left without a job if you continue having it closed.

Please consider keeping Santa Anita open so that people can keep their jobs during these hard times.

Thank you. Stay safe.

Sincerely,

Ernesto Belmonte

Sent from my iPhone

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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,

Linda Barrett and Mike Walsh

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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\\_spectator\\_free\\_racing\\_123](https://www.horseracingnation.com/news/National_HBPA_provides_template_for_spectator_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-kbGMXZItUBfwDccEslQbNuU7IEqCM&ref=nf\\_target](https://m.facebook.com/ClaiborneFarm/photos/a.394784300638182/2675137029269553/?type=3&hc_ref=ART9-3rP88tMGIJVG-s6efB-8V1RAA_ckjSC7-kbGMXZItUBfwDccEslQbNuU7IEqCM&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 Zenytta 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:** [robert pelto](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa anita racing  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:52:25 PM

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Meeting 4/28/2020. Item 14

I cast my vote for resuming horse racing at santa anita as soon as possible  
Thank you

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**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  
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As a supporter of Thoroughbred racing I have followed the challenges of Thoroughbred racing amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. We have 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 unfortunately force many of these workers and their families into homelessness.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Thank you for your consideration,

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**From:** [Victor Sanchez](#)  
**To:** [First District](#)  
**Cc:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Items 14 & 36 - Tomorrow's Agenda  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 2:58:13 PM

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Hello my name is Víctor Sánchez and I'm a constituent of Supervisorial District 1.

**I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections.**

*Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies.*

Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents.

Saludos y Adelante,

**Víctor Sánchez**  
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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 health procedures.

Bill Tomasic

**From:** [Sandi Thomas](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Santa Anita race track  
**Date:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:24:23 PM

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I was a concern citizen that was listening to the CHRB meeting on April 22nd in which they discussed the reopening of the track.

Your agenda #14 and #15 will not work as the (workers) will not comply with the rules!

The backside workers that live at the track Live in tack rooms usually 2 to a room and the are very small and not able to social distance.

Many of the workers do not live on the premises so they go in and out which increases the chances of infection and the spread of the virus.

There is no testing going on there other then temperatures being taken with faulty equipment!!!

And we all know that you can be a carrier without even knowing.

Please take a tour unannounced and see for yourself how the backside operates.

Horseracing is NOT an essential business!!

Thank you for your time and consideration

A concerned citizen

Sent from my iPhone

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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)

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**From:** Rob Evans <robe@ams-samplers.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:31 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** 4/208/2020 Item 14-Worker Protections among others

**Categories:** Yellow Category

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to strongly suggest re-opening Santa Anita Park without spectators. It is an easy decision if you look at it in its simplest form....the backstretch workers. This is their life 365 days a year 7 days a week, they almost never leave the track itself. Here is a list of reasons why this is a simple decision:

- No cases at Santa Anita Park
- Stricter guidelines at Santa Anita Park
- Horses need it
- Industry needs it
- Los Alamitos Has ran with no cases.
- Remington Park has ran with no cases of it.

Please strongly consider re-opening Santa Anita.

Thanks

Rob Evans

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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 to operate to prevent a humanitarian and animal welfare disaster.

Shannon Castagnola  
Director of Marketing and Client Relations  
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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

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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

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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,  
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**MANAGER, EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND HUMAN RESOURCES**

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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

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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

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**From:** Rabeya Sen <rabeya@esperanzacommunityhousing.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Cc:** Nancy Halpern Ibrahim; Rabeya Sen  
**Subject:** LA County BOS Hearing (4/28/20): Public Comment (Esperanza Community Housing) -- Worker Protections - Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36)  
  
**Categories:** Yellow Category

To the Honorable LA County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Rabeya Sen and I am with Esperanza Community Housing Corporation. We strongly support the entire Healthy LA platform. As a provider of affordable housing in South LA, we have seen the toll that this crisis has taken on both our residential tenants. Many are low-wage workers who find themselves without a job and are struggling to provide for their families. We need to be able to come together to support them, especially when it comes to a just recovery coming out of this crisis -- that recovery must prevent further challenges and barriers arising for our most vulnerable Angelenos who are already bearing the brunt of the economic fallout from this crisis.

Therefore, we strongly urge you - the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors - to 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,  
Rabeya Sen

*Rabeya Sen  
Director of Policy  
Esperanza Community Housing Corporation*

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**From:** Daniel Johnson <daniel.johnson124@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:36 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Item #14 and Item #36 4/28/20

**Categories:** Yellow Category

My name is Daniel Johnson 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.

## Guzman, Adela

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**From:** Sara Eastwood <eastwoodsara@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:39 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Agenda Items #14 and #36 for 4/28/20 Meeting

**Categories:** Yellow Category

Hello,

My name is Sara Eastwood 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. This is what we need to help everyone in Los Angeles County and use our resources to meet the needs of all residents so they can be productive members of our community.

Thank you,  
Sara Eastwood

Tenant & Resident of Supervisorial District #1

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**From:** Casper Lucia <casperluciahello@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 27, 2020 3:41 PM  
**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Public Comment on Worker Protections - Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #36)  
Meeting Date 4/28/20

**Categories:** Yellow Category

My name is Casper Lucia 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.

From: [Silvia Hernandez](#)  
To: [David Contreras](#)  
Subject: Right of Recall and Paid Sick Leave (Item #14 + Item #30)  
Date: Monday, April 27, 2020 5:54:25 PM

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My name is Silvia Hernandez 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.

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**From:** [Jeannetta Myers](#)  
**To:** [PublicComments](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Agenda item 14.  
**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 8:53:45 AM

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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](mailto:PublicComments@bos.lacounty.gov)

**From:** Jeannetta Myers <nettamyers@aol.com>  
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Subject: Agenda item 14.

Dear Board of Supervisors,

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**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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**To:** PublicComments  
**Subject:** Fwd: Agenda item 14.

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My name is Amardeep Gill and I'm a constituent of Supervisorial District 1. I urge you to adopt Items 14 and 36 on tomorrow's agenda, putting in place a COVID-19 sick leave policy and moving forward key worker protections. Please amend the sick leave policy to prohibit employers from requiring a doctor's note, in conformance with the CDC's guidelines and local sick leave policies. The Board should adopt a County-wide policy requiring employers with over 500 employees nationally to provide two weeks of COVID-19 related paid sick leave. This is not only a matter of protecting the health of workers for the duration of the pandemic, but also the public health at large.

Thank you for your consideration and support on these and other crucial issues to protect LA County residents.

Best,  
Amardeep Gill  
3108 1/4 Chaucer St. 90065



**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 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.

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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  
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Founder & CEO



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**Date:** Tuesday, April 28, 2020 9:53:57 AM

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Good morning, supervisors,

I would like to provide support for item number 14 worker protections, thank you for all your hard work!

-Jacob Eisenberg

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April 27, 2020

The Honorable Kathryn Barger  
Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
500 West Temple Street, Suite 869  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**SUBJECT: Item 36: Los Angeles County Supplemental Paid Sick Leave in Response to COVID-19 - CONCERNS**

Dear Supervisor Barger,

On behalf of the Valley Industry & Commerce Association (VICA), we are writing in response to the Paid Sick Leave ordinance being considered by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in response to COVID-19. While we commend the tireless efforts and swift response to COVID-19 by the Board of Supervisors, we are concerned with the implications and ramifications of this ordinance, especially as several businesses across the County are struggling to stay alive.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to consider making the following changes to the ordinance:

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Amid the COVID-19 crisis and the need for essential businesses to remain open in order to provide essential services, employers have made changes to their paid sick leave policies to ensure the safety of their workers and to ensure continuity in their operations. Exempting essential services from this ordinance would further allow these businesses to remain open without the stress of an additional burden that may create financial hardship during this economic crisis.

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In order to attract and retain talent, a number of businesses and non-profit organizations throughout



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Currently as drafted, this ordinance would expire on December 31, 2020. The expiration of this ordinance should be consistent with the City of Los Angeles' Emergency Order on Supplemental Paid Sick Leave and be amended to expire two calendar weeks after the expiration of the COVID-19 local emergency period. This would prevent confusion for businesses who operate in different jurisdictions of the County.

Given the global health crisis we are facing, businesses throughout Los Angeles County have been doing their best to continue operating and generate enough revenue to avoid going out of business. We believe the suggested changes will help place businesses in a position to recover from this crisis more quickly.

Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Sincerely,

Brad Rosenheim  
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