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District Attorney Jackie Lacey Supports Race Track Bill to Protect Horses, Riders

Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey today issued a letter to state lawmakers in support of legislation that would give the California Horse Racing Board the authority to suspend horse racing for safety purposes.

Senate Bill 469 would authorize the board to immediately suspend a horse racing meet when necessary to protect the health and safety of horses and riders. CHR B does not now have that authority.

“California’s horse racing laws do not currently provide sufficient protection to horses and riders,” District Attorney Lacey said. “I fully support this legislation that gives the CHR D the legal authority to intervene to shut down horse racing immediately when track conditions are deemed dangerous.”

The District Attorney commended state Senators Bill Dodd and Susan Rubio and Assemblymembers Ed Chau and Adam Gray for their leadership on this issue.

District Attorney Lacey formed a task force in April to investigate horse deaths at Santa Anita racetrack. The task force is comprised of experienced deputy district attorneys and sworn peace officers from multiple disciplines, including animal cruelty and consumer protection, to evaluate the evidence and determine whether unlawful conduct or conditions affected the welfare and safety of horses at Santa Anita race track. The investigation is ongoing.

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