



Resolution re: State Constitutional Ballot Measure to Repeal the Legalization of Gambling on Live Horse Races

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Whereas, California is considering amending the state Constitution to allow wagering on college and professional sports, and this market has been projected to be worth over \$4 billion a MONTH in California — more than an entire YEAR of revenues from betting on horse races, which was legalized by voters in the state in 1933 to provide desperately needed state funds during the Great Depression, and

Whereas, wagering on horse racing in California has been on the decline, and the Del Mar Thoroughbred Club's bond debt has actually caused financial hardships for the Del Mar Fairgrounds, while Native American gaming profits and the California Lottery have provided California with over \$37 billion since 1985, and over \$1.8 billion in Fiscal Year 2018–19- or about 1% of the state's annual budget for public schools, and

Whereas, California horse racing had 60 deaths of its “athletes” in just 10 months in events at only 5 venues in the state, including 5 deaths during **Summer Race Meet** at Del Mar, as reported by the CA Horse Racing Board (see: http://chrh.ca.gov/racing_fatalities.aspx);

Therefore be it resolved, we encourage the **San Diego County Democratic legislative delegation** to end California's exploitation of horses and prevent additional abuse, injuries, and deaths in an industry that produces very little revenue for residents of the state;

Be it further resolved, we **request the Democratic legislative delegation of San Diego County**, which includes the Del Mar Fairgrounds which leases facilities for live horse racing 3 months of the year, introduce and work to pass a bill to put the repeal of gambling on live horse racing currently in the CA Constitution on the 2022 State Ballot, **which provides for the retirement of public revenue bonds issued by the State to benefit horse racing**;