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CHRB REVIEWING STATUS AND SIGNATURES ON CTHA PETITION

SACRAMENTO, CA – The California Horse Racing Board notified the California Thoroughbred Horsemen’s Association (CTHA) and Thoroughbred Owners of California (TOC) on Wednesday of the process underway to validate the license status and signatures of those individuals who signed the Petition by the CTHA to decertify the TOC, which is the organization currently empowered by the CHRB to contract with racing associations in California.

In a letter to CTHA President David Wilson, CHRB Counsel Robert B. Miller explained that CHRB Rule 2040 dictates the Petition for Decertification must contain at least 10 percent of the existing membership of the TOC. Miller referenced an advice letter from the California Attorney General, which was previously provided to the CTHA. Based on the advice letter, which Miller wrote took into account position papers from both the CTHA and TOC, “any licensed thoroughbred owner who signed the Petition and who holds any other CHRB license will not be counted in determining the 10-percent threshold.”

After ensuring those owners who signed the Petition are qualified, the Board staff will randomly select names from those individuals who signed the Petition. Using a statistical program, the number of individuals to be randomly selected will have a confidence factor of 95 percent. The individuals selected will be sent letters requesting verification of their participation in the decertification process. “We anticipate concluding the validation process within the next 30 days,” wrote Miller.

If sufficient validated signatures have been submitted, the decertification election will be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting of the Board. The Board will then set a date for the election.

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