STAFF ANALYSIS
DISCUSSION AND ACTION BY THE BOARD REGARDING THE DISTRIBUTION OF RACE DAY CHARITY PROCEEDS OF THE LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB FROM ITS 2025-26 RACE MEETING

Board Meeting
November 18, 2026

ISSUE

Los Angeles Turf Club (LATC) is requesting approval to distribute race day charity proceeds generated at its 2025-26 race meeting from December 17, 2025, through June 16, 2026.

BACKGROUND

Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 19550 states that the Board shall require each licensed racing association that conducts 14 weeks or less of racing to designate three racing days, and each licensed racing association that conducts more than 14 weeks of racing to designate five racing days during any one meeting, to be conducted as charity days by the licensee for the purpose of distribution of the net proceeds therefrom to beneficiaries through the distribution agent. No racing association shall be required to pay to a distributing agent for the purpose of distribution to beneficiaries more than an amount equal to two-tenths of one percent of the association's total on-track handle on live races conducted by the association at the meeting.

BPC section 19555 requires that proceeds be distributed to beneficiaries within 12 calendar months after the last day of the meet during which charity days were conducted.

BPC section 19556 provides that the distributing agent shall make the distribution to beneficiaries qualified under this article. At least 30 percent of the distribution shall be made to charities associated with the horse racing industry. An additional five percent shall be paid to a welfare fund for horsemen/horsewomen and backstretch personnel, and another five percent shall be paid to a nonprofit corporation, the primary purpose of which is to assist horsemen/horsewomen and backstretch personnel who are being affected adversely as a result of alcohol or substance abuse. In addition to the above distributions, a separate 20 percent shall be made to a nonprofit corporation or trust that has as its sole purpose the accumulation of endowment funds, the income on which shall be distributed to qualified disabled jockeys.

ANALYSIS

LATC is proposing the statutory distribution amount of $75,751.04. The attachment lists the amounts to be distributed to the selected charitable organizations. Staff notes that 100 percent of the proposed charity distributions are made to equine and/or horse racing-related charity organizations.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Board approve the race day charity distribution as submitted.

CHRB ANALYSIS

Los Angeles Turf Club Charity Day Proceeds

December 17, 2025 – June 16, 2026

Statutory Distribution:	$ 75,751.04
Voluntary Distribution:	-
Proposed Distribution:	$ 75,751.04

#	Nonprofit Organization	Statutory Distribution Percentage	Statutory Distribution Amount	Proposed Distribution Amount		Notes
1	California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation *	minimum 30%	$ 22,725.31	$ 999.91	a	30% to charities associated with horse racing industry [Business and Professions Code (BPC) section 19556(b)]
2	CARMA *			$ 6,363.09	a	
3	Edwin Gregson Foundation *			$ 11,226.30	a	
4	Holy Angels Church (Backside Permanent Deacon) *			$ 659.03	a	
5	Race Track Chaplaincy of America *			$ 1,477.15	a	
6	Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc. *			$ 999.91	a	
7	United Pegasus Foundation *			$ 999.91	a	
8	California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation *	minimum 5%	$ 3,787.55	$ 8,643.19	b	5% to welfare fund for horsemen/horsewomen and backstretch personnel [BPC section 19556(b)]
9	Winners Foundation *	minimum 5%	$ 3,787.55	$ 21,210.29	c	5% to nonprofit organization for horsemen/horsewomen and backstretch personnel adversely affected by alcohol or substance abuse [BPC section 19556(b)]
10	Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund *	minimum 20%	$ 15,150.21	$ 23,172.24	d	20% to nonprofit organization that benefits qualified disabled jockeys [BPC section 19556(c)(1)]

* Equine and/or horse racing-related organization

SANTA ANITA PARK

September 29, 2026

California Horse Racing Board
Attention: Scott Chaney
1010 Hurley Way, Suite 300
Sacramento, CA 95825

RE: Los Angeles Turf Club, Incorporated Charity Day Proceeds

Dear Mr. Chaney,

Los Angeles Turf Club, Incorporated has determined the beneficiaries of proceeds from Charity Days races conducted at Santa Anita Park from December 17, 2025, to June 16, 2026, in the amount of $75,751.04.

Attached is a list of the organizations selected to be the beneficiaries of the Charity Day proceeds and statement about each recipient. Please note that 100% of the distributions are to horse-related charities.

Also attached is the official CHRIMS Report of Handle for the said race meet period upon which this distribution is based.

We request that you please add this matter for discussion and action by the California Horse Racing Board at its next regularly scheduled meeting. Distributions will be made upon approval of the proposed amounts by the Board.

The amount that Santa Anita Park is requesting that the CHRB approve from Charity Days for distribution is a small fraction of the total amount that Santa Anita Park donates to charity each year.

Should you have any questions regarding the distributions, or the matter set forth herein, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Eric Sindler

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Los Angeles Turf Club - Santa Anita

Distribution of Charity Days Proceeds

December 26, 2025 - June 15, 2026

California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation	4.4%	$ 999.91			
CARMA	28.0%	$ 6,363.09			
Edwin Gregson Foundation	49.4%	$ 11,226.30			
Holy Angels Church	2.9%	$ 659.03			
Race Track Chaplaincy of America	6.5%	$ 1,477.15			
Southern California Equine Foundation	4.4%	$ 999.91			
United Pegasus	4.4%	$ 999.91			
Horse Related Charities Above	100.0%		$ 22,725.31	$ 22,725.31	30.0% of total distribution
California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation	16.3%	$ 8,643.19			
Winner's Foundation	40.0%	$ 21,210.29			
Permanently Disabled Jockey's Fund	43.7%	$ 23,172.24			
Horse Related Charities Above	100.0%		**$ 53,025.73**	$ 53,025.73	70.0% of total distribution
Total Distribution			$ 75,751.04	$ 75,751.04	$ - Must be zero

SANTA ANITA PARK

LOS ANGELES TURF CLUB, INCORPORATED
Santa Anita Park

I. **Horse Related Charities** – California **B&P** Code Section 19556(b) (30% Minimum Distribution)

CARMA – The California Retirement Management Account is organized to raise money for retired California race horses. Their mission statement provides that they assist thoroughbred retirement facilities that care for and retrain horses whose careers have ended after competing in California Thoroughbred races. Their services include tracking of retired California race horses and in working to find homes for retired equines. CARMA also manages a grant request process and distributes funds to qualified retirement facilities caring for such horses. CARMA is dedicated to the goal of providing funding for rehabilitation, retraining and/or retirement of Thoroughbred horses that have raced in California.

Edwin Gregson Foundation – A non-profit charitable foundation organized for the purpose of improving the lives of backstretch worker and their immediate family members at California race tracks. The organization provides backstretch workers with many educational programs, including "English as a second language," bible studies and provides numerous programs, including computer training programs at its recreation facility, computer games and various magazines in English and Spanish. It organizes family outing s for the workers excursions. The organization also maintains a recreational hall at Santa Anita Park for the benefit of the backside workers and their children.

Holy Angeles Church (Backside Permanent Deacon) – Holy Angeles church is a Catholic Church across the street from Santa Anita Park. A deacon from the church performs a weekly Mass in the recreation room at the track on Monday nights for the workers on the backside. He walks down the shed rows daily in the morning and assists the workers in an endless variety of ways. Examples of the assistance provided include counseling, organizing religious and recreational activities, the collection and distribution of clothing, help with Medicare, Medi-Cal and immigration forms, officiating at holiday gatherings at Santa Anita, etc.

Racetrack Chaplaincy of America – The stated mission of the organization is "The overall mission of RTCA, through its councils and chaplains, is to make disciples for Jesus Christ through teaching, preaching, and ministering to the spiritual, emotional, physical, social, and educational needs of those persons involved in all aspects of the horse racing industry."

Southern California Equine Foundation, Inc. – SCEF is a nonprofit charitable organization providing hospital and equine ambulance services on the Southern California Thoroughbred racing circuit. Commonly known as the Equine Hospital, SCEF has a long history of service to the racing industry and the equine athlete. This is an organization "dedicated to the care of the injured horse."

United Pegasus Foundation ENI#95-4497611 – UPF is a 501(c) (3) charitable organization that has become one of the largest Thoroughbred retirement, rehabilitation and adoption organizations, saving hundreds of former race horses from an uncertain destiny by giving them a humane and deserved retirement home and providing for their care at its 27-acre ranch in San Jacinto, California. The retired Thoroughbreds are maintained in pleasant quarters and peaceful surroundings to live out the balance of their lives. This organization depends entirely upon donations for the purchase of food and other amenities required maintaining the Thoroughbreds.

II. **Welfare Fund for Backside Personnel** - California **B&P** Code Section 1964J(b) (5% Minimum Distribution)

California Thoroughbred Horsemen's Foundation – CTHF is a 501(c) (3) nonprofit foundation that provides assistance to the low-income backstretch community occupied with the care of Thoroughbred race horses at California's major race tracks and fair circuits and California Horse Racing Board recognized off-track training centers. The organization maintains three clinics throughout the state, which see over 10,000 people each year, including numerous children who are prepared medically to return to school each year.

III. **Fund for Substance or Alcohol Abuse -** California **B&P** Code Section 19556(b) (5% Minimum Distribution)

Winners Foundation – The Winners Foundation provides confidential assistance on a one-to-one basis to employees and family members of California race track who are seeking help for alcohol, gambling and drug addiction. Each situation is geared to best support an individual's desire to change his or her life for the better. The Foundation has developed a large referral base and maintains close relationships with community based services such as anonymous 12 step groups, city and county assistance agencies, detox centers, halfway houses and out-patient and in-patient hospital treatment programs. This service is provided to any employee or family member of anyone involved in the California Thoroughbred horse racing community, free of charge. This includes backstretch works, as well as all employees at Del Mar, Golden Gate Fields, Santa Anita and the California Association of Racing Fairs.

IV. **Permanently Disabled Jockeys Fund - B&P** Code Section 19556(c) (20% Minimum Distribution)

Permanently Disabled Jockeys' Fund – This is a statutorily mandated distribution per Business and Professions Code Section 19556(c). It provides support to disabled jockeys, as its name implies.