

# February 17, 2021 City Commission Meeting Agenda

Meeting Time: 02-17-21 17:30

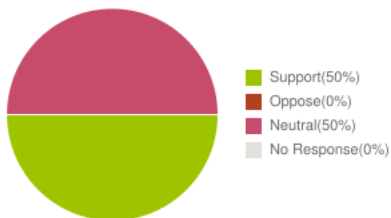
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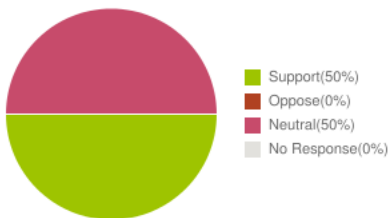
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C. 21-064 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF HALLANDALE BEACH, FLORIDA SUPPORTING FLORIDA HOUSE BILL 549 AUTHORIZING AND REGULATING THE USE OF PSILOCYBIN AND DECRIMINALIZING EHTHEOGENIC PLANTS AND FUNGI; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE. (SPONSORED BY MAYOR JOY F. COOPER)	1	1	0	0
A. 21-066 DISCUSSION OF LETTER TO GULFSTREAM. (SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER MICHELE LAZAROW)	1	0	0	1

### Sentiments for All Agenda Items

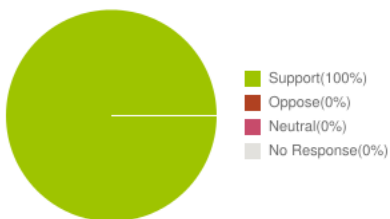
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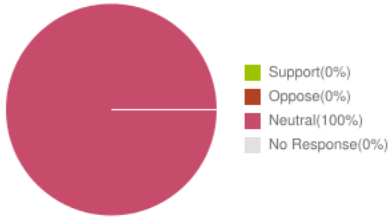
### Dustin Robinson

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26am 02-15-21

My name is Dustin Robinson - co-founder of Mr. Psychedelic Law - a non-profit advocating for legal reform of psilocybin. We assisted with drafting house bill 549. I support this Resolution conditioned on minor revisions to make it consistent with the bill.

## Overall Sentiment



## Tiffani Steer

Location:

Submitted At: 7:05pm 02-16-21

1/ST RACING, the parent company of Gulfstream Park, appreciates the opportunity to respond to the letter from Mayor Cooper sponsored by Commissioner Lazarow. A detailed response was delivered in full earlier today.

At 1/ST RACING venues across the country, including at Gulfstream Park, the safety of horses and riders is a top priority. We are committed to achieving the highest level of horse care and safety standards in Thoroughbred racing, and we have a proven track record of pushing those standards forward. 1/ST RACING has been an industry leader instituting processes and protocols that have led to nationwide medication reform and increased accountability.

We are proud that 1/ST RACING was among the leaders behind the passage of the national Horse Racing Integrity and Safety Act (HISA) that was signed into law late last year. HISA will create uniform national medication standards, removing the patchwork policies of state racing commissions.

Tremendous progress has been made, but there is much more work to be done. We appreciate that each jurisdiction in which we operate our racetracks and training centers is uniquely governed, but our goal is to work with our industry partners and stakeholders in Florida to bring about critical reforms and improved horse and rider safety standards for the more than 1,800 horses that race or train at Gulfstream Park and Gulfstream Park West daily.

The culture of the sport of Thoroughbred racing must evolve in order to stay relevant for the next generation and we are working with stakeholders from across the industry in Florida including regulators, track owners, horse owners and trainers towards that collective goal.

**From:** [Thomas Copeland](#)  
**To:** [publicparticipation](#)  
**Subject:** Commissioner Lazarus  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 4:05:23 PM

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Hallandale Beach City Commission,

I am writing in support of Commissioner Lazarus' letter to you regarding Gulf Stream Park (GSP) and hope you will sign on to it. GSP is the deadliest horse track in Florida. Facts; GSP horse deaths in 2020 - 58 and 2019 - 58. Additionally, GSP management does not offer transparency on the health and deaths of the horses. This secrecy is due to a lack of oversight. Florida residents have spoken out on dog racing and are waking up to the cruelty caused by horse racing. Please make every effort to protect the voiceless. Start requiring oversight and transparency.

Sincerely,  
Thomas Copeland

**From:** [Deenbean7@gmail.com](mailto:Deenbean7@gmail.com)  
**To:** [publicparticipation](#)  
**Subject:** I support Commissioner Lazarow's letter! (Agenda item #12)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 5:08:09 PM

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Good evening.

My name is Dina Cohen and my comment is in reference to Agenda Item No. 12.

I am pleased with the letter that Commissioner Lazarow has submitted and I urge all Commissioners to sign and endorse it.

I have been noticing the huge number of horse injuries and deaths taking place at Gulfstream Park and quite frankly, I am mortified.

To have 58 horses reported dead in 2019 and 53 dead in 2020 tells me that something is very wrong at this track. Additionally, these numbers do not account for the many horses that are sold at auction and designated for slaughter, nor does it account for the ones injured and taken away to be euthanized.

Horse racing is an unforgiving sport- a sport in which the main players are forced to compete. ! They do not willingly sign up to be whipped mercilessly as they are forced to run at speeds their bodies can't handle.

These horses are very young- babies really, and as such their bones are not yet matured and not yet fused- this is why so many of them break their legs as they run!

During their "careers" they are bought, sold and transported countless times. Always in a stall or a trailer, never in a pasture. It is a miserable life that these animals lead and anyone who doesn't see this is likely wearing greed-tinted glasses.

In an effort to make them run faster and control their bleeding lungs, they are regularly pumped up with drugs- both legal and illegal.

The practices I just mentioned are inherent to the racing industry in general and are present at any and every track. Problems become further compounded, however, when a track is neglectful in its oversight and doesn't vigilantly make sure that trainers, vets, and jockeys are complying with all of the rules.

Indeed, in the state of Florida, it is only a \$100 fine if one does not report the death of a race animal. I can only imagine how many deaths have occurred that are not reported. I feel the number would be staggering.

There is a real lack of transparency and accountability at Gulfstream Park and this is something that needs to be addressed.

I strongly urge all of the Commissioners here today to not only sign and endorse this letter, but to take an active role and genuine interest in monitoring this track, and hopefully, in preventing any more equine deaths.

Thank you,

Dina Cohen

**From:** [Helene Jones](#)  
**To:** [publicparticipation](#)  
**Subject:** Gulfstream racetrack  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 5:42:40 PM

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I am writing this letter in support of Michelle Lazarow that the commissioners will sign the letter regarding Gulfstream Race Track.

Helene Jones

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ana Campos](#)  
**To:** [publicparticipation](#)  
**Subject:** Gulfstream Letter  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 5:44:23 PM

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Hallandale Commission,

I encourage you to please send the proposed letter to Gulfstream.

If you consider yourself to be animal lovers having a conversation about safety concerns or improving the welfare of animals should be of importance to you.

You can not claim to care about animals and then refuse to send a letter encouraging greater transparency and safety protocols.

Sending the proposed letter is a win win for all. Only those who don't care about animals would refuse. Don't be that Commissioner. Send the letter.

Thank you,

Ana Campos

**From:** [Helene Jones](#)  
**To:** [publicparticipation](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 5:48:20 PM

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Regarding Agenda Item 12, I am in support of the letter submitted by Commissioner Lazarow.

I urge all of the commissioners to sign and endorse it.

Helene Jones  
Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Gilda Cummings](#)  
**To:** [publicparticipation](#)  
**Subject:** Deaths at the Gulfstream  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 5:56:40 PM

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I am asking you to please send the proposed letter to Gulfstream.  
Regarding Agenda Item 12, I am in support of the letter submitted by Commissioner Lazarow.

I urge all of the commissioners to sign and endorse it.

Sincerely,

Hilda Cummings  
[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**From:** [vegangirlie](#)  
**To:** [publicparticipation](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 12  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7:14:39 PM

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Regarding Agenda Item 12, I am in support of the letter submitted by Commissioner Lazarow.

I urge all of the commissioners to sign and endorse it.

Regards,  
Marla Gross  
Pompano Beach

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

**From:** [Patricia de la Vega](#)  
**To:** [publicparticipation](#)  
**Subject:** I support letter submitted by Commissioner Lazarow  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7:23:50 PM

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Dear Hallandale Comission,

Regarding Agenda Item 12, I am in support of the letter submitted by Commissioner Lazarow.

I urge all of the commissioners to sign and endorse it.

Best regards,  
Patricia de la Vega

**From:** [matthew.parkin](#)  
**To:** [publicparticipation](#)  
**Subject:** ATTENTION Agenda 12  
**Date:** Wednesday, February 17, 2021 7:32:17 PM

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Dear Hallandale Commision:

Regarding Agenda Item 12, I am in support of the letter submitted by Commissioner Lazarow.

I urge all of the commissioners to sign and endorse it.