

November 15, 2008

Beth Pollard City Administrator City of Albany 405 Kains Ave Albany, California 94706



Dear Ms. Pollard,

Pacific Racing Association would like to correct the numbers reported by the City Treasurer on item 4-7 of the November 17, 2008 City Council agenda as the increase in racing days due to the closure of Bay Meadows was not factored into this report.

Our forecasted sales tax revenue for FY08-09 is \$96,791 and our forecasted pari-mutuel tax revenue is \$475,418. These numbers represent an increase of approximately \$150,000 over the City's figures.

In addition, after reviewing documents with Charlie Adams and Kim Denton, along with our Property Tax invoices, our ad valorem property and parcel & special assessment taxes to the City of Albany have increased 61% since 2004/2005. This tax totals \$651,442 for Fiscal Year 2008/09. The amount paid to Albany schools has increased even more, rising 90% in the four years since 2004/2005. The Schools Parcel tax totals \$662,652 for Fiscal Year 2008/09.

Therefore, we estimate that Golden Gate Fields will contribute over \$1,885,000 to the City during this next fiscal year. This does not include any revenue derived from building or permit fees nor does it take any charitable donations made to worthy causes such as the Albany Education Foundation, Albany Little League, Berkeley-Albany YMCA, Friends of Albany Seniors and Friends of the Albany Library. We also believe that Golden Gate Fields creates a positive economic impact to local businesses due to 10,000 visitors to the race track each week.

We are extremely proud of our <u>65-plus year relationship</u> as a strong corporate citizen, working with the City of Albany. In the past few years, some community figures have been critical of Golden Gate Fields and openly questioned our ability to survive. To those critics we say this: We look forward to mutual cooperation and will continue to be a strong community partner. Given the state cutbacks and the general state of the economy, we stand proud to deliver more revenue to the City in 2009 than in any year over the past two decades.

Sincerely,

Robert Hartman General Manager

Peter Tunney Executive Vice-President