

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF RACING

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DIRECTOR

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Luis Gonzales, City Manager
City of South Tucson
1601 South 6th Avenue
Tucson, AZ 85713

Dear Mr. Gonzales:

The Arizona Racing Department of Racing (ADOR) is by statute the agency which regulates all pari-mutuel racing in this state. The responsibilities delegated by the legislature include oversight of in-state and out-of-state wagering, assuring the integrity of the races, the protection of all of its licensees and the animal athletes, and the testing of the animals for any abuses of drugs, both legal and illegal.

To that end, it is the Department's responsibility to ensure that no greyhound is treated with drugs that can harm it in any way. To do so it is vital that the laws and rules that govern racing be the same no matter where the racing in the state occurs. For years that was the status quo until South Tucson passed a referendum to ban the treatment of the greyhounds with one type of medication in 2008. ADOR believes that this law interferes with its power and authority to regulate the industry and the property on which the races are conducted as described in Arizona Administrative Code R19-2-301.

I would ask that South Tucson reconsider this law to allow the Department of Racing to do its state-mandated responsibility. This Department has very stringent drug testing protocol and its lab is a nationally accredited organization. While the Department takes the misuse of drugs very seriously, it also recognizes that there are certain medications that can be used, not abused, which will allow the greyhounds to be treated in a humane manner.

I appreciate your assistance in this request and thank you for the opportunity to meet with you to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William J. Walsh".

William J. Walsh
Director