STATE OF CALIFORNIA | CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

OFFICIAL COMPLAINT

CHRB-65 (Rev. 08/23)

COMPLAINT

The California Horse Racing Board (CHRB) hereby files an official complaint against Irving Lara for violation of CHRB Rule(s) 1902(d)- Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing.

The person named in this complaint is licensed by the CHRB as a Jockey, under license number 328612 Exp 03/31/2028. The alleged offense occurred on or about Jan12,2025-Nov15,2025 and is described as follows:

On February 9, 2026, Los Alamitos CHRB Investigators received information regarding possible violations of CHRB Rule 1902(d)- Conduct Detrimental to Horse Racing). The information, which was submitted by Vice President Hannah Schein of People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA). The information was a combination of a formal PETA complaints, photographs, videos, notes and signed declaration affidavits accusing multiple Jockeys, including Jockey Irving Lara. The possible violations occurred from January 12, 2025, until November 15, 2025. The documents provided showed that Lara rode approximately 43 races at non-recognized race meetings. Also provided were over 100 photographs depicting a male jockey wearing pants labeled “NeNe’, and the over girths labeled with “IL”. I was assigned to investigate and interview Lara. Lara admitted to his partipation in these non-recognized race meetings.

Other licenses held:

Exercise rider	Status: Expired/Inactive
Stable worker	Status: Expired/Inactive

Pursuant to California Business and Professions Code Sections 19420 and 19440, as well as the authority outlined in the CHRB Rules, the Board of Stewards are empowered to impose penalties for violations of any provision of a CHRB Rule, or HISA Rule, where authorized. Such penalties may include suspension of any CHRB-issued license, monetary fine, assessment of penalty points, and/or exclusion from any/all racing enclosures under the jurisdiction of the Board, or any combination of the penalties listed above.

Investigator Name: O.Vergara Jr Date of Filing: 06/18/2026 Case Number: 26LA0038

NOTICE TO APPEAR

You are hereby ordered to appear before the Board of Stewards as noted below.

Location: Los Alamitos Date: December 17, 2026 Time: 09:00 AM

You are entitled to reasonable notice of this hearing and reasonable time to prepare for the hearing. If you require additional time to prepare for the hearing, you must contact the Board of Stewards within 72 hours of receipt of this notice. All requests for continuance must be submitted in writing and fully justify the need for continuance. The granting or denial of a request for continuance rests with the Board of Stewards. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with the attached “Governing Procedures for Hearing Before the Board of Stewards.”

DECLARATION OF SERVICE

☐ In Person ■ Certified Mail (Tracking #): 9589071052703447593927 ☐ Other:

Documents Served: ■ Complaint Packet ■ Governing Procedures ☐ Other:

Served By: O.Vergara Jr/ A.Dillon Date: 11/13/2026 Time: 3:11 PM ☐10 Day Time Waived

DISPOSITION

The Board of Stewards took the following action on the aforementioned case.

☐ Ruling Issued ☐ Formal Warning ☐ Case Dismissed ☐ Withdrawn

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