



## ILLINOIS RACING BOARD

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### **Illinois Racing Board Welcomes New Commissioner Marc Laino**

**Chicago, IL** – On Friday October 20, 2023, Governor JB Pritzker announced the appointment of Marc Laino to serve as a Commissioner on the Illinois Racing Board. Commissioner Laino brings thirty years of experience as a public servant in Illinois to his new role as Commissioner. Marc previously worked at the Illinois Racing Board where he served as a Pari-Mutuel Auditor, Deputy Director, and Executive Director. Commissioner Laino is the fourth appointment to the Illinois Racing Board made by Governor Pritzker in 2023.

“I want to thank Governor Pritzker for appointing a commissioner that is so highly regarded in the Illinois racing community, as well as throughout the national racing industry” said Domenic DiCera IRB Executive Director. “Marc served the people of Illinois for 30 years. His experience in horse racing and state government will be a true asset to our organization. I look forward to once again working with him to support and grow racing in Illinois.”

Prior to his retirement in 2015, Commissioner Laino spent 28 years working for the Illinois Racing Board including 12 years as the Executive Director. During his tenure as Executive Director, Laino oversaw the administration and regulation of horseracing in Illinois. In April of 2014 Marc received the Len Foote Award from the Association of Racing Commissioners International, the highest honor bestowed upon a racing commission executive director in North America. As an IRB Commissioner, Laino will once again be helping to strengthen the racing industry in Illinois.

The mission of the Illinois Racing Board is to regulate pari-mutuel horse racing and support the development of the equine industry. The goal of the Board is to advance a regulatory environment that benefits the equine industry and to ensure that the public has confidence in the integrity of pari-mutuel horse racing.

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