

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robert

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 10:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeo. It's a part of our American heritage and in no way dangerous to animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 10:19 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** There are already laws in place regarding rodeo equipment and usage in California. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association also has over 70 rules pertaining to the safety of the livestock and contestants. These laws and rules already address spurs, flank straps and electric prod usage. Penal code 596.7 already restricts the use of electric prods, flank straps are fleece lined or soft rope, and sharp spurs are prohibited and locked spurs are prohibited in saddle bronc and bareback events. We take great pride in our rodeo livestock. Our animals are often worth thousands of dollars and are bred for their job as a rodeo athlete. Items such as flank straps are not used to hurt an animal but for the safety of the animal and the rider. Flank straps are lined with fleece and never placed too tightly as the animal will not buck if that is the case. Spurs are not sharp as often indicated and electric prods can only be used in case of an emergency when the chute gate is open and the life of the animal and/or rider is threatened. No one involved in Rodeo or the western industry was consulted by the Los Angeles City Council before they pushed the drafting of the ordinance forward. At least take the opportunity to educate yourselves about the equipment and usage before passing an ordinance. There are a number of businesses that count on the Professional Bull Riding and rodeo related activities at venues like the Staples Center that draw capacity crowds for their business. Those restaurants and businesses that gain income from the economic impact of these events will see their bottom line negatively impacted.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Jessica B  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 10:53 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Leave rodeo alone

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mr. and Mrs. Mark Keaton

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 11:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please stop the ban of rodeo and rodeo events. Livestock owners of rodeo animals take very good care of their animals so they can perform at their best. It's at the owners best interest to take great care of their animals. The PRCA and PBR have procedures and rules on how the animals must be treated and cared for . The animals are inspected by a vet before and after each PRCA and PBR event to make sure the animals are in good health. Thank you  
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## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** D. Keaton

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 11:23 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please stop the ban on rodeo and rodeo events. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 11:58 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo. Communities are dependent upon the income from these events. Our economy demands it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emma

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 12:03 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peggy Faith

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 12:03 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon; I am writing to the Council respectively, to ask that you NOT enact legislation to band rodeos. I have been to many PRCA Rodeos and those animals are very well taken care of and are doing what they were bred to do. I raise and show dogs and just as each breed was bred for a different job, so are the livestock. PLEASE reconsider this legislation as it will have a profound effect on not just the livestock but on many folks for the livelihood. Thank you for your time! Peggy Faith

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Hill

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 12:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not ban Rodeo in California, it is part of western heritage and no harm is done to the animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jenny Kuykendall

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 12:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to keep rodeos in LA county! Rodeo has been around for a long time and they are already getting rid of so many of them. The culture and lifestyle of rodeo competitors is something we need more of with them next generation. It's part of American heritage and needs to stick around. Otherwise a lot of people will be leaving California to go to states that welcome the western way of life.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dick Mancuso

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 12:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I will make the assumption that the city council is listening to the city residents who have probably come from non-agricultural backgrounds. I am 84 and have a rodeo and equine training background so I know the industry very well. Your state has a history of vaqueros who have all used the rope, spurs, and prods that you are trying to outlaw. These are traditional arts. Everything you see in rodeo, with the exception of bull riding, is based on ranch work and is still used in the cattle and equine industries. The animals used are very well cared for because they are required to have a successful rodeo and because they represent a huge expenditure to the stock contractors and the animals owners. Research the sale prices of the horses and cattle used in these events and you'll see what I mean. No one mistreats such a huge asset. PRCA and PBA rules require a vet on hand at every event and there are severe penalties for cruel treatment of all animals used, not the least of which is having to face the anger of the owner of the animal. Please do some research and rethink your approval of this ordinance and then vote it down. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 01:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** This proposed ban on rodeo procedures and items is another example of absolutely zero common sense in California politics. Rodeo has been, and will continue to be a way of life for people who care more for the environment and good way of life than most of the individuals making up these illogical laws that have resulted in California being a bankrupt state. Before you move forward on making these changes to rodeo maybe you should look at other states that promote rodeo and see the benefits of this sport. (there are actually some towns/cities in California that truly benefit from rodeo). These rodeo sports are competitive events that are done in the ranching business daily. It just allows for others to see the "best in business" as a sport. Maybe California should invite some of the experts in the field they are looking to make changes to before moving ahead with no idea of the impacts.



## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** annamarie jones  
**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 01:30 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the rodeo device ban.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristi Brister

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 01:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I sincerely appreciate the desire, the humanity, in attempting to protect animals from undue harm. However, this ordinance is abundantly misguided. I am a rodeo mom. I am also a vegetarian, unless I specifically know the source of the animal proteins I consume because I am deeply concerned with animal welfare. Externally, I can understand how some would be misguided into believing that the sport of rodeo is harmful to animals but nothing could be further from the truth. Those who participate in, and manage rodeo care deeply for animals. They would never introduce something that could cause them harm. Their jobs are very concretely founded in the care and welfare of the animal for multiple reasons, including profit. If the animal is injured, they lose profits. Those who participate in rodeo work closely with these animals. They create important bonds with them. They understand the animals far better than a spectator. Electric prods cause minimal stimulation. Quite frankly, it is the rare rodeo cowboy who himself has not been prodded by a joking friend. The electric prods are more of a training device to herd the animals into the chutes for performance, it causes mild discomfort. It is the most gentle form available to get them into the chute! Flank and bucking straps similarly cause a mild discomfort, but also a signal for the animal to buck, to perform. These animals are bred especially for this sport. It does not cause lasting harm to the animal. I find banning lariats and lassos to be absurd. They are the foundation of the sport. They do not harm the animals. The youth rodeo groups in which we participate include ample rules, specifically, for protecting the safety and well being of the animal. Participants are quickly disqualified if any activity could cause harm. This ordinance is a guise to pat oneself on the back, in an effort to declare agreement with animal rights. Rodeo is a sport of pure animal welfare. My horses get \$350 shoes every 6 weeks. I would never allow them to be injured by participating in rodeo. Rodeo participants spend thousands caring for steer and calves used in rodeo practice and performance. They are expensive to purchase and maintain. Similarly, an owner would never allow them to be caused injury or harm. When fully grown, these animals become commercially viable and valuable as they enter the food system. Animals used for bucking sports are absolutely premier in what they do. They are bred and cared for accordingly.

The sport of rodeo is growing, both financially and in participant numbers. Part of the allure, and the reason why I allow my children to participate, is because of the animals, because they get a chance to work with them. Working with them encourages, does not remove, empathy. In a world of future 'meta' technology, we need individuals who are grounded, who go outside, who work with animals, who understand how to care for them. Rodeo participants are the individuals who you WANT to have growing your beef because they know how to care for them. If this ordinance is an issue in animal welfare, do not attack rodeo by approving this. Instead, you should be looking at large corporate animal protein producers, not rodeo participants. Please allow the citizens of LA to enjoy this sport by not approving this ordinance and allowing rodeo participants and hosts to do what they have been doing for 100 years, caring for and celebrating rodeo sport animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karen

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 01:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The western world provide a safe haven for stock animals as they provide excellent veterinary care and ensure the well being for these beautiful animals. Please do not ban rodeos or pass this ordinance for this reason.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brady Sale

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 02:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeos are staple of American history. They provide some of the healthiest animals in the world today. There is absolutely no reason where I can see myself voting to remove them at anytime.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 02:12 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Save the rodeos that have been apart of building this state and the west. Without rodeo we erase history.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bob Feist

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 03:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been involved in Rodeo and the Western World my whole life. I don't know of a finer family of animal caring people in the world. Most people involved in the rodeo world have been raised with all kinds of animals and from a young age they learn the responsibility of caring and raising animals. There is a compassionate bond between the animals involved in this sport as well as the pets that go along with the western life style. From an early age children are taught how to care and treat animals with kindness. They learn the responsibility for caring for a young animal, seeing that it is protected from the elements which may occur. The Rodeo Industry represents millions of dollars of economic impact to local and National businesses. The amount of money spent on the care and transportation of animals in this industry is very huge. The fan base spend millions of dollars in attendance fees, rooms, dining and transportation cost which all represent taxes for the local communities. Most Rodeo events are linked to local and national charities, which have been the recipients of millions of dollars over the years. I urge all of you to look into the history of rodeo which is closely related to agriculture in the USA. The patriotism and morals of this sport is higher than any other today. At a Rodeo the contestants and fans STAND for the National Anthem.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Shirley Smith

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 03:36 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose banning rodeo in Los Angeles



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jerry Novara

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 04:17 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeos are part of the Western History. Rodeos started with the first settlers in California. It is following the history of the cowboys of that era. A lot is still done today and maybe not readily known, especially in none cattle areas. Cowboys and cowgirls are part of the West.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jerry Novara

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 04:18 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeff Fontes

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 05:27 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Jeff Fontes and I wanted to share with you what a positive impact the sport of rodeo has had on my life. I was fortunate to participate in Jr Rodeo, High School Rodeo, College Rodeo and Professional Rodeo. It has given me a lifetime passion of perseverance and hard work. This is a wonderful sport filled with compassion for animals. I am asking that you please let the western tradition of rodeo continue for future generations. God Bless America

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Charlotte halty  
**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 06:45 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop the rodeo ban

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 07:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reconsider Banning rodeo and western heritage activities!  
We need to have the western heritage preserved and continued!  
Please keep rodeo and everything like it

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sharyn Lockett  
**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 08:45 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is a Great All American Sport. We love the Cowgirls and Cowboys??

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tessa

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 09:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't let extremists alter western heritage and a way of life they will never understand. I grew up competing in Rodeos. My father was a national champion and traveled the country. I want him to be able to see his great grandchildren compete. We care about our animals more than any activist would ever begin to understand. Don't take this away from our culture because you don't understand our way of life.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Edee Weigel

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 09:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeos! We love our animals. Please save our American Sport we love. Rodeos are the heart of America! Every rodeo opens with the National Anthem and a Prayer. Rodeos are a sport where ordinary farm and ranch kids can grow up and make a living doing what they love. Thankyou for preserving our Western Way of Life.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Taylor T Gregg

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 08:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** This ordinance is an example of a gross misunderstanding of the greatest tradition in our country, and was probably drafted by people that have actually never been to a rodeo before. Living in the confines of a city surrounded by millions of people your entire life, it is easy to see how the people of LA wouldn't really have the context to understand the level of hard work and care that goes toward the welfare of rodeo Livestock. When you and your family's entire livelihood relies on the wellbeing of an animal, it becomes much more than just an animal. Perhaps if the city of LA dedicated the same level of care towards its people as the people of rodeo do with their livestock, then there wouldn't be people living like animals in their streets.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephanie

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 08:53 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is a sport that really does care about their animals. The stock contractors take pride in their animals and their conditions.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Mathew Jenkinson  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 09:25 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** This is not right!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elly Leslie

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 09:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** In response to the banning of rodeos and equestrian events I just want to say I disagree and hope that the city realizes the amount of employment this industry creates and the wholesome family culture surrounding it. Also I am curious if those suggesting this ban and supporting it have ever been educated by someone in the industry. I have grown up in the industry and in my experience the people accusing rodeo of abuse and violence do not have any facts... they make up these bizarre stories... (which yes do sound terrible but are one not possible and two not happening) but have they been educated and shown the amount of money, time and care that goes into the animals at a rodeo? Or are they as usual completely uneducated and spewing completely made up information. It always comes down to money and that's all that ever matters I realize which is why this is even being suggested I'm sure. People with more money than those fighting it are complaining. I just ask that those who are trying to do this are educated and know facts and aren't just suggesting things that they THINK is happening. For perspective in the 34 years I have been in the industry I have never once heard a person in the industry (people who's lives, financial standing and future depend on animals) suggest that they agree with those saying this is abuse. Not because they are rednecks, uneducated or monsters...no because they know the truth. They know the amount of care that goes into the animals. They know exactly how they are treated! It is better than most the world thinks is ok to treat children! It is their livelihood and they treat them with the respect that reflects that. Let's put this to rest and spend our time and money on issues (maybe such as CHILD ABUSE AND MISTREATMENT!!!??) that are plaguing our state! Use common sense and address important issues!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 10:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Protect rodeo.the western horse industry is a billion dollar industry with a very low injury rate for the anamals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vanesa Lopez

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 10:05 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo isn't a crime. Why ban it? What's so wrong about it?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kimberly Herinckx

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 10:08 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** A rodeo ban is a ban on a way of life that we as a country we're founded on. A ban on rodeo is completely unfounded and needs to be stopped.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Maria  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 10:15 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop the ban on rodeo



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jan Harvey

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 04:03 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Taking away the right of WESTERN HERITAGE affects all races within the USA and MEXICO, BRAZIL, ARGENTINA and other countries. Our heritage BEGAN with animals long before MAN was ever on earth and it is with great care that GOD gave us to preserve and love ANIMALS as they are more than just animals to US who live the western life. WE LOVE OUR ANIMALS LIKE CHILDREN and care and nurture them as so. JUST because you do not want or care about our WAY OF LIFE does not give you the option TO TAKE IT AWAY from us. WE have always allowed you to be WHO you are and DO NOT TRY TO TAKE AWAY WHO WE ARE. WE will stand up against you and DEFEAT your agenda. WE also would love for your accounting to actually take a look into HOW MUCH MONEY we draw into your state when we bring in the RODEOS and EQUINE EVENTS into your state and then maybe YOU MIGHT THINK AGAIN about all the INCOME EVERY INDUSTRY IS LOSING. We stay at your hotels, eat at your restaurants, buy gas at your gas stations, and us vendors for food and drinks at all of these events. SO IF YOU think you can win bring it on as WE WILL BAN TOGETHER ALL OF US who WERE RAISED WESTERN and BELIEVE IN GOD, FAITH, FAMILY and LOVE OF OUR WAY OF LIFE and show you how together we can become to STAY WESTERN.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ally Wallace

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 04:32 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeos are a part of our American History and a way of life for so many. The animals associated and used in the rodeos are treated with respect and get the utmost care.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patricia Baur

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 04:48 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Your wanting to ban rodeo in your city is due to your being uninformed about animal welfare. You do not have the experience and knowledge the rodeo companies have that insures the safety, care and use of any livestock that is used in rodeo. The PRCA has standards that are unmatched. It is because you do not understand something, you want to ban it. You should all spend a few weeks working in rodeo to see exactly what goes on and how much care and heart goes into each animal's welfare. The calves are built so that when they are roped it does not hurt them. At all. Just because you wince and think an animal is hurting, you are basing your decision off emotions and NOT facts. Educate yourselves and keep our lifestyle going in your county for the generations coming up. The larger livestock have better care than your inside spoiled rotten dog or cat in your home. Please set your emotions aside and understand that these animals are built tough and are not being used for animal cruelty. This is a way of life for many people and you want to deprive the citizens of your county an education about the Western way of life and rodeo standards. All of the contestants are very good people and they help each other out and that is a good example for people in your county to witness. This is an issue for critical thinkers, not people who live off their emotions and can't get anything done because of that.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer Bell

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 04:53 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is absolutely crazy. Stop banning things. Stop killing history.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Fritz Brewer

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 05:34 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please consider this amendment as false as the PRCA and any rodeo organization strive to take the best care of there livestock. There are rules in place to prevent injuries to livestock. With large fines to anyone who break's these rules

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Phoenix Everano

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 05:50 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a professional rodeo cowboy I am very concerned about the outcome of this proposed ban on certain devices that could potentially ban the sport of rodeo. I grew up with animals, ranching and competing at rodeos and now compete in roping events at professional and amateur rodeos. Rodeoing is my career as well as my passion. As an owner of professional equines and roping cattle I know first hand the special care it takes to keep my animals healthy and most of all happy. The western way of ranching and rodeoing is one of Americas oldest and most amazing lifestyles. After all, pioneers utilized this lifestyle to settle the majority of America as we know it now. The exception now is that we are better educated and aware of our animals welfare than in the 1800's. Because we chose this lifestyle we understand and respect our animals as they are the key to our advancement in the beef industry as well as rodeo. We have strict feed programs, utilize the best care and love for our animals. We have been taught to treat our animals as family regardless of our own needs. In no way do we torture our animals even though many perceive what we do as cruel. Rodeo animals are brought up as we are to do a specific task and are patiently trained and cared for in the process. We do not just rope any animal nor do we take for granted the role these animals play in our lives. Feeding, immunizing, health checks, doctoring every scratch that may appear and making sure they have proper and clean pens and cover from the elements are all part of our responsibility of owning an animals whether it is a roping steer, bucking horse/bull or a cow dog. Our animals get all the care that our children and ourselves get, quite often more care. Making sure these animals are healthy, safe and fed comes before I or my family has a meal or goes to bed is our responsibility and we take it very seriously. I have witnessed feed lots and other forms of animal processing for human consumption and I can honestly say our ranch and rodeo livestock are treated 1,000 times better than any animal kept and raised for most Americans food. The humane treatment of our rodeo animals comes before our own health. I was trained to take care of animals before I could ride a horse, rope a steer or have a pet. We in no way take for granted their lives and it was drilled into me at a very young age that these animals are family and not just four legged mammals to be used for our pleasure in rodeo. I

and my father raised bucking bulls when I was young and believe me when I say the process of raising a large animal for rodeo purposes is not a task taken lightly. They get the best feed programs, health care and are trained to perform their task. They are treated like family and know our voices and feel our emotions better than humans can. We spent time with these bulls, talking to them, petting them and making sure they were fed before we could eat. This lifestyle has been the best thing for me and my family as well as my extended rodeo family. It is not just a sport but a lifestyle. Our ropes, our spurs, our flank straps, our saddles are all a part of this lifestyle and we do not utilize any of these tools to inflict pain or cause harm to any animal. We are taught to use them correctly and never use them in fear. They are used to cue our animals to perform their task they were trained to do. Many sports that include animals are for pleasure and pain such as bull fights with spears which in my mind is sadistic. None of our rodeo sports allow any tools that would intentionally cut an animal or cause bleeding. If something like this happens unintentionally we take care of the animals, give them time to heal and rest. We in no way want to harm a member of our family and that is what our animals are....family. I don't know any rodeo cowboy or cowgirl that would tell you differently. Our associations like the PRCA and NPRA have rules and regulations to protect our animals for a reason and we abide by them in our chosen lifestyle both in the arena and out of the arena. If municipal government passes ordinance that could ban rodeo this not only affects entire generations of cowboys/cowgirls but could also affect horse shows, cow cutting industries, beef ranches, chicken/turkey farms, the list goes on. Regulations exist now that ensure safe and humane practices for our animal industries and adding additional ordinances to ban tools we utilize in a safe manner will hinder thousands of people for generations to come. Rodeo and ranching has been a part of our free American history since the settling of the Americas, taking this away will put us out of jobs, safe recreation for our children and have a ripple affect on any industry that raises animals for those steak dinners all of your personnel love to enjoy. I ask you to educate your constituents about how well we treat our animals before attempting to take our way of life away from us. Thank you

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Lyndy  
**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 07:11 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Don't ban rodeos



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Randy Davis

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 07:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I wish to express opposition to the ban on livestock activities and rodeos. These animals are well cared for and the events support good basic values.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jamie Brown

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 07:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo provides economic impact to communities, jobs to those involved, and a family atmosphere. Take time to talk to those who care for the rodeo stock and ask them about the animals, the care they provide, and how they devote their lives to the health of animals. Understand the real story.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Chad Mathews

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 07:24 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I wholeheartedly oppose the language in this ordinance.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Damaris Johnson

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 07:44 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** please do NOT try to limit or take away our western way of life.  
Thank You Damaris Johnson

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chancey Hamilton

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 07:46 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good day. Rodeo is a long standing truly American event that help build this country. Part of the great American west in which we live in and are very proud of. These type of equine and livestock events are an important part of the our history and a great opportunity to show all people how the west and the lives we live were made possible by our forefathers, ranchers and frontiersmen . These traditions should be allowed to continue as an example to all for our rural, agricultural, farming and ranching way of life from which we all originated. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Eugene Johnson  
**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 07:50 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please let us and our children have the right to enjoy RODEO and the Western way of life. Thank You Eugène Johnson

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole N

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 08:09 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to passionately oppose the rodeo ban. Rodeo livestock are cared for with extreme attention and effort. They are fed high quality rations with many living in pristine facilities. It is very rare for an animal to be injured in one of these events. More livestock are injured and even killed by predators such as coyotes and mountain lions in California. There are also numerous cultural events and traditions associated with rodeo. Banning rodeo would deprive future generations of experiences associated with ancestors and cultural heritage.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Boland

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 08:14 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do consider banning rodeos. I spent college years participating in rodeos and appreciated the experience. The animals are not mistreated. They are valuable to the owners and they work only a few minutes per year. The straps used to make stock buck make them angry... but do not harm the animals.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michaela

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 08:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Banning lariat, lassos, Spurs and rodeo equipment is yet another overreach and attack on civil liberties. Please stop oppressing your citizens. They leave California by the truckload and head to Texas. We don't want your liberal nonsense here.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bill Rendall

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 08:16 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** To the LA City Council members. As a person with longstanding interests in LA city and County alongside with Riverside ,Ventura, Sanbrdoo,Orange and Kern counties. I ask you elected persons to listen and accept our point peoples information on the dropping of any and all new rodeo cancellations or restrictions. "LA" and this diversity inclusion has a lineage as long as any form of husbandry known ! Our combined goal in its showcasing is to include all comers as all people share in this age old way in ways that often go away or unnoticed! Thank you Your Pal, Cowboy Bill

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patricia Varian

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 08:19 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I raised all three of my children from the time they could walk participating in rodeo. It has been the most wonderful, family experience. They developed a love for animals, a passion for their sport, and a brotherhood with other families. They became disciplined young men, as rodeo requires a good grade point average in school, as well as having to practice on a daily schedule in order to get good enough to compete. Rodeo promotes an atmosphere of honest living, kids who grow up to be responsible, friendly and outgoing, who know how to interact with other kids their age, as well as adults. It is one sport where families get to know and grow together, as most of the competitions are weekend long, and families camp out together. Growing up in LA, never having experienced rodeo, it has amazed me that so many teenagers spend all weekend with their families, BBQ'ing together, sitting around a campfire talking (yes, real words, not texting.) It's like a "village" of kind, caring adults all supporting each others kids! Almost all of these kids graduate high school, most going on to college. Almost none take drugs, or get in with the "wrong crowd." It is the antidote to what's destroying families, and creating this world of drugged out, dropped out, homeless zombies that are filling the streets at an ever increasing rate! If those young people had gotten hooked on rodeo, instead of drugs, they would be thriving citizens! Instead of a drain on society. Look around at all the depravation in your city! Do you want that? Go to a youth rodeo and look around now in contrast! What do you want to encourage???

## Communication from Public

**Name:** CLAYTON CULLEN

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 08:38 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please please please do not pass this ordinance. Western sport is an integral part of our American heritage. It seems that every day another piece of our heritage falls victim to the politically correct cancel culture. Please do not cancel another piece of Americana.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patricia Pachie

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 09:04 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would respectfully ask the LA City Council to research the Sport of Rodeo, it's history, and all it entails. Reach out to professionals, and people in the industry whose livelihood depends on the care and well being of these animals. My children and family (now college students) spent 13 years of our lives involved specifically with the California High School Rodeo Association. During this time, the number one priority for my kids were their animal athlete partners. Correct feeding, proper fitting equipment, health and well-being- all lessons learned to make sure both the kids and animals were doing well. California has a rich heritage in the sport of rodeo, and it is a shame that you would not take time to become educated. In addition, when pointed out to you that your ordinance would preclude the ability to host the Olympic Equestrian events (as the front gate is outside of the jurisdiction, but the actual grounds are within the bounds) you chose to adjust the ordinance to specifically list "rodeo-like" events only. I am asking you to do your due diligence- reach out to industry professionals, people involved, and the many organizations this ordinance will affect. You are listening to the squeaky wheel- it is our turn to squeak.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joli Turner

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 09:09 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo for us is a way of life. You are all being so quick to judge. Have you ever been to a rodeo? Rodeos do not harm the animal. Rodeos are helpful to people who live on ranches and need to care for their live stock such as team roping. Team roping is used in real life to hold the animal down while you give it medication to keep it healthy. And the other events are not harmful to the animals. Please do your research and talk to ranchers and rodeoers. They will tell you how much we care about our livestock and keeping them healthy.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lanie

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 09:32 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is not abuse, we care for our animals for than ourselves. If we didn't care for them to our best for their 8 second debut, they wouldn't do what we ask and we wouldn't be making money to feed them. You take it away and you'll flood out system with more slaughter animals than you know what to do with.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 09:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** To whom it may concern, In regards to the L.A City ordinance attempting to be passes that will ban rodeo and rodeo like events. I am deeply saddened at the ordinance that is attempting to be passed. As a rodeo competitor I know first hand the dedication, time, money, and care that we put into our animal. Competition animals, specifically horses, receive a stellar level of care. From specialized feed plans, joint supplements, vet care, dental care done every six months, farrier(hoof) care done every four weeks, assessed living quarters for reduced stress, all this and more are what our performance horses receive. They receive only the best care, physically and mentally because having a horse that is stressed or not feeling well is not to their benefit nor ours. The equipment(tack) we use is tailored to each horse. All horses have different builds and to keep them most comfortable custom tack is a must. All tack is assessed for the well being of the particular animals. Saddles and pads are assessed to ensure equal pressure distribution and shock absorption so that the horses back is comfortable. Bits are assessed for fit and level of training and comfort. Some horses enjoy “rollers”(small spinning rings) on the mouth piece of their bit so that they have something for their tongue to play with. I personally, thoroughly check my competition horses daily for any injuries or issues. They are groomed(brushed) daily. I constantly monitor their weight so that with any variation their feed can be increased or decreased. They are on Hyaluronic Acid for joint support that costs me a small fortune each year. In the summer they wear fly masks that not only keep the flies from bothering their eyes but also are equipped with UV protection. In winter they receive extra feed to keep weight on and create warmth. Their feet are trimmed every four weeks to maintain proper alignment and reduce tendon and joint stress. Their teeth are done every six ensuring all sharp points are taken away so that the mouth is not in discomfort. When we are at a rodeo, my horses have access to hay sacks and water any time they are not actively completing. They enjoy trailering to different locations and know exactly what to do for their various events. They enjoy all the other horses that they would not otherwise be around. Performance horses, I would argue, are much more balanced than a backyard horse pet. They thrive off of work and a having a job. They are able to adventure with their owner to



different locations and this creates a stronger bond between animal and human. They have better muscle tone from working out which is very important to an animal averaging 1000lbs. As owners we are constantly studying to learn new ways to keep our horses happy and healthy and not just for the short term, happy and healthy into their 30's. It is very important to keep rodeo and horse shows alive. It gives our horses and us a goal to head towards and a reason to train. It also helps our horses learn to be calm with different things which is directly related to their well being. A horse that is scared of new places and things because he has never been out, is not a very happy horse at all. We are a team our horses and us, we struggle together, overcome together, win together, goof off together, we are inseparable. So much of our life is together and to rob us of competition does not make one scrap of sense. Competition horses receive the highest standard of care and the most human/horse bonding time. A backyard pet horse doesn't receive multiple hours per day of human contact. It costs us a fortune to care for our horses the way we do, it costs us a fortune of time spent as well and to take away the end goal, the competition, the winning... our horses want it as much as us. Great competition horses are great because they love to compete. They get the rush like we do and they certainly know when they do a stellar job. They understand applause. I am asking you all, do not ban rodeo or competitions. If you are truly concerned about animal welfare you will not. Competition brings better care to horses. Competition horses receive above and beyond care and if there is no competition and they get turned into backyard pets the level of care will decrease exponentially. This is very distressing to me because two of my now competition horses I acquired from "backyard" homes and their care was non-existent. They were sick and unhealthy, unhappy and fearful of humans. Competition gave us a goal and competition helped them because the horses they are now, confident, balanced, enjoying human interaction, and healthy with adequate muscle tone.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Megan

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 09:42 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is part of our heritage. The rodeo livestock are treated better than most domestic dogs! Some people could actually learn a thing or two about the rodeo world: how to treat animals, work together as a team, how to treat each other!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Miguel

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 09:58 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The tradition of rodeo represents the lifestyle of many of us who love living with livestock. It is an activity that reminds us of our origins, the activities of our ancestors.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Georgia

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 10:00 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I grew up in the San Fernando Valley, and have ridden and showed horses my entire life. I'm writing to request you please do further research and do not ban rodeo and horse events. Rodeo is a western lifestyle, and does not harm animals. The horses and livestock are given excellent care and treatment. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Faith Smith

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 10:06 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reconsider the potential ban on rodeos in the city of Los Angeles. I understand that people are trying to look out for the welfare of the animals used during rodeos, but please be assured, the well being of the animals used during rodeos is always kept at the forefront! There are rules implemented at every level of rodeo, whether it's at the professional level, or junior level where small children are competing. There are several rules set in place to protect the animals being used for competition, from the bulls and broncs, to the calves used for tie down, and sheep for mutton busting. What we need to do is educate the public, the outside eyes, who see certain events, and immediately assume it is animal abuse. We need to sit down collectively and have discussions at length to share thoughts, concerns, and truly attempt to understand the sport of rodeo, and the heritage we are fighting to preserve. We love the animals used in rodeos. Stock contractors do their best to tend and care for the animals to the highest standards. There are rules set by all rodeo associations, from the PRCA, to the NHSRA, to protect the animals that are used for rodeo. All competitors are educated on how to treat the animals during competitions, and know that there are consequences if those rules are not followed. Many of the events performed at rodeos derive from actual ranching practices, and the need to doctor cows and calves, if they are sick or injured. The sport of rodeo has been in existence for over 100 years. The West was the birthplace of cowboys and rodeo. It is a heritage we are so proud of, it has helped raise hard working, animal loving, God fearing, patriotic children, and they in turn grow up and continue that legacy with their own children. It is a way of life that so many of us love and cherish! Please, please, please consider these things before making rash decisions. It is all about education! The gap between urban and rural is quickly widening, and we desperately need a bridge to come together and work together! We respect that people are concerned about the welfare of animals. Yet we, as rodeo supporters, are just as concerned! Again, we need to come together, each present our sides, convey where we are coming from, and try to understand both sides. I truly believe we can come to an understanding if we take the time to listen to each other. Has the city reached out to meet with rodeo representatives, to try and have these conversations? I implore you to do so!

Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Freese

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 10:07 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not pass this ordinance. While I understand those in favor believe they are doing a service to rodeo livestock and equine. The fact is this ordinance would jeopardize our Western way of life. These devices when used proper are not abuse in anyway. The love and loyalty we have for our horses and or livestock goes above and beyond what anyone looking from the outside could understand. I can tell you my horses love their rodeo life. It's what their meant to do. They actually get depressed when we're home for to long and I could prove it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** louis gauci

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 10:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Ban rodeos and rodeo-type activities in the city of Los Angeles. Dear Councillors, Rodeos and rodeo-type activities, such as bull riding, are exhibitions of animal cruelty that are sanctioned in the guise of competition. Due to events like bull riding, wrestling, calf roping, and steer tailing, calves, steers, bulls, horses, and other animals suffer horrific psychological and physical traumas including broken limbs, cardiac arrest, punctured lungs, torn ligaments, ruptured organs, broken necks, crushed tracheas, and more. Rodeos and rodeo-type activities also employ the use of tools of torment in order to encourage bucking, aggressiveness, and overall “wild” behavior of animals that are generally docile. Spurs, flank straps, 5,000-volt electric prods, and even anabolic steroids are routinely used to enrage the animals. The people involved in rodeos and rodeo-type activities suffer serious injuries as well. A study out of the University of Calgary found rodeo contestants are 20 times more likely to suffer catastrophic injuries than football players. A growing number of jurisdictions already have rodeo prohibitions or restrictions in place. These include Fort Wayne, IN; Pittsburgh, PA; Southhampton, NY; Pasadena, CA; and Chino Hills, CA. Outside of the United States, Auckland, New Zealand, part of Brazil, Quebec, Canada, and the entire United Kingdom have instituted rodeo bans. The city of Los Angeles has become a national leader in protecting the rights and welfare of animals as can be seen with their recent fur ban. Rodeos and rodeo-type activities are clearly dangerous for animals and humans alike. True Animal lovers are urging the LA City Council to prohibit the staging of rodeos and rodeo-type activities in the city of Los Angeles. Thank you for your attention, Louis



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Phil Galer

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 10:31 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The sport of Rodeo has taught my children about accountability, hard work and perseverance. They have learned so much about animal care and respect. These animals are some of the most spectacular you will ever see and they are treated with the utmost respect and care. I simply ask that if any of you have never attended a rodeo or minimally found out more about them that you do before putting a stop to a wonderful sport!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Hope Keesling

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 10:55 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** "As California goes, so goes the country." Please don't support PETA's attack on the sport of rodeo. This was all born out of cattle ranching, what was the agricultural backbone of the West. Animals are not to be mistreated of course; they are here for our admiration, assistance and enjoyment. The rodeo culture is a great tool for raising responsible, hard-working young men and women. Don't take this special and historical culture away from CA and America!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wendy Grim

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 11:21 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is a way of life that our country is founded on and should be preserved for generations to continue to be a part of and for those that don't have a ranch rodeo can provide that please don't make the mistake of taking it away!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sharon Widmer

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 11:30 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to submit my support of Rodeo throughout California and the rest of the nation and the world. Our western heritage continues through modern day rodeos. Youth need to be infused with the culture of the west including the values of hard work, caring for animals and being responsible for the welfare of animals. Anyone who believes that rodeo animals are not living an amazing life just needs to spend some time at a ranch with the contractors that raise and care for these valuable animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Debbie

**Date Submitted:** 01/14/2022 11:43 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reach out to the proper officials to get educated by the people in the business before making decisions that affect people's livelihoods, have economic impacts far reaching & put heritage & history at risk. Talk to people in the business of ranching, rodeo, veterinarians. With an open mind you will be very surprised by the truth of how animals are treated & the benefits these western lifestyle practices have on domestic animals, wildlife, nature, eco system, and so much more. People with no experience in animal husbandry are spreading rumours & lies in regards to these practices without first educating themselves. These rumours & lies have the potential to negatively impact the economy, eco system, wildlife, domestic animals if not stopped immediately. Ranchers not only care for the animals which they make a living from it is imperative they maintain & improve the land they use, which is in turn helping the environment & boosting the economy. It reduces wild fire risk, erosion, & allows for increased productivity of the land to help feed the community and the world. Rodeo & all equestrian events have a huge financial benefit to local economies. Not only do these participants travel to your town or city to provide entertainment they bring with them the need for accommodation, food, shopping, equipment & transportation repairs & so much more. The western lifestyle people, ranchers, cowboys do not tell city officials how to manage the city, a mechanic how to fix your car, the engineers how to build a bridge. Leave ranching, rodeo etc to those who know how to manage those practices. We want to leave this world in a better place for our families, trust me we are not in this to do harm. Sincerely, 4th generation ranching mom/grandma feeding the world with heart and passion

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kevin

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 12:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** This is an attempt to shut down a way of life that is built on lies and whole lot of made up misleading information! Stop this nonsense now!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dewey Holcum  
**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:15 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeo. Please don't ban any of the Western lifestyle sports. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wendy Ritchie

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:15 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeo based on a group that doesn't understand anything about how we take care of our animals. Learn the facts not the myths.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Walter Kingston

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** This a completely foolish ordinance! The western industry takes great pride in taking care of the animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** James Craig Gruber

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do NOT ban rodeo, horse racing, etc. in LA!!! Don't let people with no animal experience dictate policy based on ignorance.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** S Steadman

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not pass this ordinances It's false and is not fact driven. Do not vote this!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:19 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Simply ridiculous. Rodeo and western animals are the most well taken care of animals In the world. Do your homework-find out the TRUTH.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:19 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** There should be NO issue with having Pro Rodeo in Los Angeles, California or anywhere else in the world. Rodeos have been happening for over a hundred years and they take care of their animals better than any other organization out there. KEEP THE RODEOS!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:20 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo and western sports! This is a heritage that should be celebrated and showcased, especially in the west.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** BTA

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop the proposed ordinance attacking rodeo and its misguided attempt to stop western sports. Take the time to look at the facts vs the emotional distractions being thrown about.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian LaCross

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo livestock are not abused they are treated extremely well. Do not let fiction cloud your judgement. Keep rodeo, America's #1 sport



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** You truly don't know what you're talking about. Find the real facts. These animals are supremely taken care of.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The rodeo ordinance proposed for LA County SHOULD NOT be passed!! It is an abomination to outlaw a sport that is an ingrained part of our history. Rodeo has evolved to respect the creatures that participate in them. It isn't the old ride'em & rope 'em of old. KEEP RODEO in LA County & in front of an audience that respects the creatures AND athletes!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Carroll Smith

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** We support rodeo. Good for economy and doesn't hurt animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Leanne

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:36 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need to save the rodeo! We all live in a country called America and that encompasses all melting pots!!!! These animals are treated well and fed well. The people involved are good people and help the create a culture of respect. Targeting rodeo is such a wrong thing to do with your time and the people's money. Many people care about rodeo and we will be heard!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robert John Smith

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support rodeo. It doesn't hurt animals and it's good for economy. Socialism is going to ruin America.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Forrie J Smith

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 06:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is Americas original sport and part of Southern Californias heritage

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Emalee sweet  
**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 09:12 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Cunha

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 09:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't get rid of rodeo, rodeo takes better care of animals than most understand.



## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Patty Couch

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 09:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeos and other horse sports.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** D Landis

**Date Submitted:** 01/12/2022 10:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is a great sport. In my honest opinion,, it is a nesscesity. The cowboy is needed on this planet for many reasons. First and foremost, they are the ones that learn the things about livestock and cattle that you can't read in a book. They become rancher's, caretakers, veterinarians, and so on.. Hands on working with livestock teaches humans more than one can imagine. We as humans never know what can happen as far as animals go. We must keep people involved in all faucets of the livestock industry. The sport of rodeo not only showcases some of the worlds greatest animal athletes, but it helps the cowboy hone his unique skills. Some do not understand the sport. So many people are so misinformed about the sport. So many are uneducated. One example; Claims of the flankstrap and tying testicles up to make them buck, not true at all. Most of the bucking horses are of the female gender. Have you ever yourselves witnessed a rodeo? Watch the animal athletes load into the bucking chutes, they load in, then they stand calmly for the most part as the human athlete prepares. Then once the human athlete is ready and the chute opens for the human and animal athlete , the livestock performs with his participate. Once the cowboy athlete is removed from the livestock, by being bucked off or by the other cowboys on horseback known as pick up men, the livestock generally quite bucking, the flank strap is removed and the animals are escorted from the arena. The roping and riding events have rules set in place to protect the livestock. Some of this bucking stock is valued at tens of thousands of dollars. Why would one inflect pain and suffering to any animal? That is NOT what the sport constitutes. The livestock, or if I may call them " animal athletes " are very well cared for. At their home ranches they are safe from predators, they recieve some of the best feed and forage. They are seen by veterinarians on a regular basis. The animal athletes are not just pulled out of the wild. They are raised, bred and conditioned and trained for the sport. I hate to say this, but it is a true fact...some of the animal athletes owners take better care of their animals, then they do their family. They get hauled from ranch to events by trusted people with the knowledge of "how to care and transport" for the livestock. On longer hauls, again rules are in place to feed, water, bed down and take appropriate care for these magnificent animal athletes. Some different types of the roping

cattle wear protective wraps to insure safety. After the cattle is ran through, roped or wrestled they come to understand the sport. The cattle in the roping and wrestling events the injuries and death is very minimal. I need to stress this fact. The injury rate in the sport to the animal athletes is not what most are told. The injuries and misconception come from compiled files over lengthy time. The human athletes suffer far more injuries in this sport than the animal athletes. Education about this sport can only be absorbed by those with open ears, open minds, and open hearts. Now, let me reiterate about the animal athletes and their caretakers, and the human athletes.. The animal athletes are the Beautiful Creatures that people are trying to shave. If these people that own these animals did not own them, other people would not get to see their majestic beauty. Trust me the people taking care of them are doing the utmost to go out of their way to keep these animals safe and protected. Life for all living beings is a great thing. Humans and animals alike. In this misunderstood sport the Cowboys are actually the caretakers for these beautiful animals. With out the cowboy the animals don't survive. With out the animals the cowboy does not survive. They are both a necessity to this planet.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 01:03 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support the ban on LA Rodeo Torture Devices!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jamie La Fortune

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 06:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I petition to KEEP rodeo! Rodeo is very important to many of us and the future of our kids. Our animals are treated very well and we deserve to keep doing what we love!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tonya T Burchard

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 06:43 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's very disheartening to learn how little research the LA city council has actually done regarding the sport of rodeo and how these animals are cared for. Instead of being educated, the city council is pandering for votes. I have been involved in rodeo my entire life. Never have I seen an animal not cared for. There are famous bulls who have undergone cancer treatments to ensure they live long healthy lives. My barrel horse is spoiled rotten and has known nothing but love her entire life. For some reason the LA city council has decided giving rodeo animals a job is somehow abuse but police dogs are heros? It makes zero sense. I urge the city council to accompany me to a rodeo and learn what we actually do for the well being of our animals and learn how we care for them. You are welcome to call me and take me up on this invite at any time at 951 515 7581.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jaime Baeza

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 06:48 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not eliminate rodeo or other western sports Rodeo is on of the few, that stands for Our flag, and pray prior to the start of every performance !!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 07:46 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** There are already laws in place regarding rodeo equipment and usage in California. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association also has over 70 rules pertaining to the safety of the livestock and contestants. These laws and rules already address spurs, flank straps and electric prod usage. Penal code 596.7 already restricts the use of electric prods, flank straps are fleece lined or soft rope, and sharp spurs are prohibited and locked spurs are prohibited in saddle bronc and bareback events. We take great pride in our rodeo livestock. Our animals are often worth thousands of dollars and are bred for their job as a rodeo athlete. Items such as flank straps are not used to hurt an animal but for the safety of the animal and the rider. Flank straps are lined with fleece and never placed too tightly as the animal will not buck if that is the case. Spurs are not sharp as often indicated and electric prods can only be used in case of an emergency when the chute gate is open and the life of the animal and/or rider is threatened. No one involved in Rodeo or the western industry was consulted by the Los Angeles City Council before they pushed the drafting of the ordinance forward. At least take the opportunity to educate yourselves about the equipment and usage before passing an ordinance. There are a number of businesses that count on the Professional Bull Riding and rodeo related activities at venues like the Staples Center that draw capacity crowds for their business. Those restaurants and businesses that gain income from the economic impact of these events will see their bottom line negatively impacted.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alan J Svoboda

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 08:07 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not approve the initiative to ban rodeo and equine sports in Los Angeles. I think it would be a huge mistake for ag and equine economy of California. In my 70 years of being with horses and cattle, the only abuses and neglect I've seen personally is from people who shouldn't own animals in the first place and only have them as pets or as a hobby. True livestock professionals respect their livestock, even bucking horses and bulls. They are simply too valuable to not care for properly. It's a labor of love for all people I know involved in the equine and animal industries. Thank you for your time. Please consider this issue carefully.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Randy

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 08:10 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please Do Not restrict any Rodeo performances in the City of Los Angeles I work for Crenshaw Lumber Co located at 166th st in Gardena ca and enjoy taking my Family to many Equestrian and Rodeo events including PBR in Los Angles and other near by cities Rodeo and other events are very Family oriented and affordable for Families

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Darryl Henderson

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 08:33 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Look at the facts. Please don't ban rodeo!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lamont Lacy

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 08:41 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not vote for this misguided ban on rodeo and other equine events

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vernum Richard Wildermuth

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 08:48 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** To All City Council Members: I am an animal lover. I was reared on a farm in Western Illinois. I have been involved in different aspects of agriculture for a majority of my life. The Western Way of Life, all sports involving equine, bovine, and sheep must be preserved. Many in the United States have no idea where their food comes from or all the aspects of producing, processing and delivering it to their table. The importance of agriculture to the United States and especially to Los Angeles can not be under estimated. The proposed ordinance will impact all involved in agriculture and its related industries. It is estimated that one farmer/rancher provides employment for 78 persons. So with this fact you can see what the economic impact your proposed ordinance would have on the city of Los Angeles. Please vote No on this ordinance. You must preserve the lives of all of your constituents and passage of this ordinance will not do that. Please listen to those who have been involved in agriculture, those who work with four legged animal athletes, and those whose livelihood is dependent on agriculture and its related industries. The welfare of all animals involved in agriculture is very important to the welfare of all. As an animal lover, as one who has experience in animal husbandry, as a lover of the Western Way of Life, as a fan of rodeo and equine sporting events I strongly urge you to vote No on this proposed ordinance. Your very existence may be dependent upon your vote on this proposed legislation.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary Welch

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 12:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please save the rodeo by voting no to the proposed ordinance. Rodeos are great family events that showcase two great athletes- the cowboy and the animal.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Orion Bailey

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 12:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not ban rodeos. Rodeos have been around for years and have only gotten safer over the years. For animals and humans, it's even a pro sport, rodeos have upmost care and safety for the animals. Rodeos are safe for people and the animals too.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amber Swanson  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 01:31 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not ban the Rodeo! It's a historical part of Californian's Herritage!



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dawn Poston

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 01:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I wholeheartedly oppose the "Rodeo Ban" proposed for Los Angeles. Rodeo is the all American sport and is rich in Spanish and Charro heritage. The animals used in rodeo are assets and are cared for accordingly. No stock contractor, competitor or contract act would do anything to endanger the well being of the animals. Do not let the animal extremists destroy the heritage of rodeo! What many do not understand, is that the people of the ranching and rodeo world are true stewards of the land and the animals. Who among the extremists is out in the freezing cold snowstorm to rescue newborn baby calves in danger of freezing? That's just one example. Do not be swayed by the extremists, they don't really have the well being of the animals in their hearts. They want control, and they want control of your mind and mine. Don't allow it. Dawn Poston

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Guadalupe Covarrubias-Martinez

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 02:39 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** No one involved in Rodeo or the western industry was consulted by the Los Angeles City Council before they pushed the drafting of the ordinance forward. At least take the opportunity to educate yourselves about the equipment and usage before passing an ordinance. The animals are like family members, for that reason they are treated humanly and with love. There are laws already in place that regulate the equipment used as to not harm a person or animal. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association also has over 70 rules pertaining to the safety of the livestock and contestants. There are a number of businesses that count on the Professional Bull Riding and rodeo related activities at venues like the Staples Center that draw capacity crowds for their business. Those restaurants and businesses that gain income from the economic impact of these events will see their bottom line negatively impacted. This ban would impact my family members that business or work in restaurants that depend on these types of events to earn a living. My family members who participate in these events who also loose their income, which will have them loose so much more like their homes. Please reject this ordinance.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dean King

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 02:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please re consider you proposed ban on rodeo, there are many lives and jobs that will be impacted by such a ban and not only those involved in putting on the rodeo but community member's who benefit from visitors in their store or school aged kids who benefit from scholarships given by rodeo committee's. Before making judgment please consider taking the time to visit a rodeo and rodeo committee, contestants and stock contractors who raise their animals with great care as if they are members of their families. In closing their are many rodeo committee's that would love to take time and visit with anyone interested in listening.  
Dean King 831-206-0399

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jessica Raygoza  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 02:45 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeos. They take necessary precautions to keep animal safe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nancy J Evenson

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 02:46 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** 20-1575 I was raised on a ranch, I know how to take care of animals & when they are abused. If you look at any of the bucking stock bull or horse they all look sleek, shiny & don't see ribs. These animals are very valuable & this is part of how the stock contractors make a living. You have let people tell you to ban this sport cause its torture but do any of these people have knowledge of rodeo stock? This is our western history. I may not like sitting in a meeting but I don't want to do away with meetings cause I don't partake in them. These animals are bred for this like race horses are bred to run. Will picket a African American pioneer in this sport. They still have a rodeo in his name every year. Why would you just throw away his legacy & our American history for a few who don't understand the sport. I ask that you would research this sport. Talk to the people of this sport, PBR, PRCA, Veterinarians, the experts in this sport. Let them show you what equipment is used on the animal. Please abolish this ban, it is wrong in so many ways. Thank you, Nancy Evenson of SAN LUIS OBISPO, CA. I LIVE ONLY A FEW HOURS FROM YOUR CITY

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dakota Loucks

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 02:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not put a ban on rodeos - animals are not abused and are actually treated very well by those involved in rodeos and the western way of living. This is a part of our culture!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sarah Goken

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 02:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** As someone who is involved in the sport of Rodeo I would never put my animals life in danger. My horse an other animals get the best care from the top vets in the nation to see this up for discussion saddens me as a supporter of the rodeo. I have been a long time volunteer to the sport and have so much passion for it. To see the smile of children and families. To indulge in our heritage as a country an watch the western way of life. I hope that you look at all the families who will be impacted by this decision an that you will reconsider banning rodeos. I want my daughter who is 5 months old to grow up rodeoing and this will take away that option! Best, Sarah

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 03:08 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Through all of the years of going to rodeos in the state of California including the Salinas California Rodeo I have always been pleased with the way they handle livestock that are being used. I have seen behind the scenes in the shoots and in the stands. Rodeo is a sport that has been around for so many decades and is a tradition and livelihood for thousands of people. People use this sport to put food on the table for their families. Rodeo should not be banned.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maria

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 03:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do NOT ban a traditional sport that is harmless to these precious animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Megan Ford

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 03:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is a way to persevere our western lifestyle. Our animals are our livelihood, and are treated better than most people that live in Los Angeles. Rodeo has been around for generations and to put an end to that would be a devastation to the western lifestyle. I hope the people of Los Angeles can take into count our love for this lifestyle and our main priority is our animals.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Nayeli Ayala  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 03:16 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please stop the ban of rodeos!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Nicole

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 03:19 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo has changed many lives. people who don't understand the sport are the ones trying to end it. don't take peoples happiness away for your own satisfaction.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 03:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** LEAVE RODEO ALONE!!!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeffrey blue Cutler

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 03:29 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm 65 years old and I grew up in Las Vegas I spent most of my time as I was growing up with horses. I've been to many rodeo performances small and large and I've never seen the things that they're claiming to be doing to the animals. If I saw an animal being mistreated at a rodeo I'd be the first one to run down and smack the guy that was doing it. Believe me these animals are well taken care of I've never seen I know how the flank straps systems work I've never seen hot shots being used never flank straps are just they don't bind anything like an animal's genitals. Let's just get real animal rice is just overreached. Yeah there is a percentage that gets injured 1/2% May receive an injury and veterinarian squads are there to go to work immediately on the animal. Please take this into consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dahlia Clark

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 03:49 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The rodeo ban is absolutely ridiculous. Animals are NEVER mistreated. We love our animals more than anything and treat them with the care and respect they deserve.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angelica

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 03:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Salinas Rodeo has been a huge part of my family and I's life ever since I could remember. Numerous memories have been made, my favorite was when I was a little girl. Riding on "peaches" which was a horse I got to ride and see every single year. I had a beautiful horse who I adored at home but as I did with my horse Angel I also had a special connection with peaches. My grandma who I lost in 2006 lived behind the rodeo and we'd watch the fireworks from there whenever we weren't up close at the rodeo. Some of my best memories came from the rodeo. I'd like to one day have the opportunity to share this experience with my future children and husband.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lindsey Justyn

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 03:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo has been around longer than most city it is culture that you are taking away. It is part of family's. It is part of my life and everyone I know. You are taking it away for no reason .

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:06 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is a way of life for many as well as a career for some. The livestock involved in rodeo are some of the best taken care of animals in country, if not the world. Banning rodeo would not be of service to the animals, or those that care for them.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Derek Hath

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** To whom it may concern: As a permit holder in the PRCA, I strongly oppose the passage of ANY ordinance that interferes with the normal operation of rodeos in any way. Equipment used in rodeo is in place for a reason! Thanks for your consideration.  
Derek Hath

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Cody McKenzie  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:17 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop the rodeo ban!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melanie J Johe

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I ask that the City of Los Angeles not ban rodeos. Rodeo is a way of life for thousands of people in our great country and has a tradition of ensuring that all animals are handled humanly. Please do not let a minority of people who are using loaded words such as "rodeo torture devices" take away this wonderful competitive sport that so many children and adults enjoy in America. Rodeo athletes are highly trained individuals who care deeply not only about their own animals they compete on in a rodeo but for all of the bulls, horses, steers and calves as well as other animals the crowd sees at the rodeo. I hope that you will vote to keep the wonderful tradition of rodeo in your city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kris Beckstead

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is an all American sport that has been tried and tested as one of the premier sports in our western way of life. Animals are taken great care of and anyone who doubts that should take the time to go and visit the rodeo contractors and personnel who take care of these high prices and valuable animals. Vote no to restrictions of standard equipment. This industry takes great care of the animals and cowboys involved.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wyatt Denny

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:22 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** There is no such thing as animal cruelty in the sport of rodeo on any level. The animals are our livelihood and how we make a living. Cruelty towards them would hinder our abilities to win money and continue what we love to do. The bucking stock is bred just like a racehorse is bred. They are bred to buck and the flank straps only help them to buck the full 8 seconds. If a animal was to leave the bucking chutes with out the flank strap on, the animal would still do its job but not as well. The same goes for a racehorse, if it were to leave the start gate with no rider it would still run, just not as fast. We in the western industry come from ranching and farming backgrounds. That means we tend to sick livestock and look after their well being. To see an animal suffer hurts us just as bad as any other human. Rodeo runs deep in our country's heritage and needs to continue on, our values are built off the Bible and to follow Jesus's word. God himself would not hurt animals, so we as god fearing Christians follow his steps. We pray that you continue to allow us to do what we love, pray before each rodeo, stand for our national anthem and love animals!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Claire Jones

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban one of the historical activities—the Rodeo. There is too much erroneous information about what is wrong with it. Many people don't even understand horses and livestock. Bucking horses are bred to buck and look how happy they are to do it! Where will this end? Stop riding horses because people are too heavy? Ban Police Horses because the concrete is too hard on their hooves? Stop rescue dogs because their paws get burned? There is plenty of control to ensure animals are treated without cruelty. LA should make it more attractive for Rodeos to visit LA. The people of LA could use some wholesome activities. Thank you.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Boog Strain

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am greatly concerned that this proposal to ban Rodeo in this State is uncalled for & unjust to many of the citizens here in this State. Rodeo & the western lifestyle is a huge part of the history of this state. Just because you have some people who don't like Rodeo & certain rodeo events is no reason to ban Rodeo. The way that Rodeo livestock are cared for & loved goes way beyond what most people do for their own pets. I don't feel like it is your decision to make just because you are a member of a city council, decisions like this should be on a ballot so that it can be voted on by the public. There are a lot of people whose livelihood depends on the Rodeo & the western lifestyle, the food industry, the advertisers, the posters, the merchandise vendors, the hotel/motel industry, the gas stations & the list goes on & on. I don't feel it is your decision to make, I think the voters of this city & state have a right to decide matters like this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cassidy Champlin

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon, I attended San Diego State University as a political science major from 2015-2019 and rodeoed to get myself through college. During this time, I also worked for the mayor of San Diego. I joined the WPRA in 2019 and I have made professional rodeo my career since graduation. This ordinance that The City of LA is proposing is not only unconstitutional but also very ill informed. Rodeo events, as a whole, benefit the animal. Many ill informed individuals will say “rodeo is just for entertainment and profit. Not the welfare of the animal.” It is true that rodeo brings prosperity to the successful athletes of the sport. This prosperity that we earn through our successes goes straight to our animals in order to have more success in the future. Badly kept animals do not want to succeed. Tortured and scared animals do not want to succeed. However, if rodeo were to be banned, there would be a lot more animals being uncared for as the incentive for care is lost. By passing this ordinance, not only is the city of LA creating a lot of public disagreement, but the city is also doing the exact opposite of the ordinance’s intended purpose. Furthermore, if you would like to see a change in rodeo, I would consider looking at the rule book of the American Quarter Horse Association. They have very strict rules on the well being of the animals. The City of LA’s proposed rodeo ordinance has many similar ideas as the AQHA rule book such as the banning of wire tie downs. They are also very informed about rodeo and it’s livestock. This also might ease some tension between the ordinance and the PRCA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rapp Sara

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a former 4-H leader & as one who grew up on a rodeo ranch, I can personally attest that all livestock are treated with utmost care. By proposing to cancel rodeos, you are taking away our history as well as opportunities for young people to learn & grow. Please reconsider this very overreaching intrusion of all our rights to enjoy life & agriculture.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Crystal

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:47 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** You can not ban Rodeo these animals are taken care of better than most. So many lives and livelihoods will be destroyed If you ban rodeo.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo should not be banned in Los Angeles. Events that are in rodeo are an example of everyday working cattle ranches which have been a part of the history of the west in this country. Trying to cover our history by such actions will never cover the history of this great country. Horses are in intricate part of this country's history. May God touch your hearts.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joseph Yezek

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 04:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** To ban rodeos would be a tremendous downfall of a historical and American tradition that dates back to the 1800's. People depend of these rodeos as a way of life and income. Banning a single rodeo would cause hundreds to loose their jobs and income. In all my years being apart od rodeos I have never seen a animal miss treated. In fact it's the opposite. These animal are treated like professional athletes because that's what they are. The new age rodeo is very different from the past and there are already lots of rules and regulations that insure the safety of animals and humans. I hope you will consider not banning any rodeo in this great state. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** taylor vollin

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been around rodeo for as long as I can remember. My dad competed in rodeo professionally for nearly 30 years and passed that on to me and my sister. His brothers, father and grandfather all competed as well. Our love for the sport stems past the “sport” aspect, though, and originates from the western lifestyle. While we might not be ranchers or trainers, our ancestors were. We were raised on stories of our grandfather cowboying and training horses, and our great-grandfather running one of the largest horse ranches in America and breaking horses for cavalry. Though those days have passed, the legacy of that lifestyle continue and not only in our family. Banning rodeo in the city of Los Angeles might seem like just that— banning a sport. But in all actuality, it’s banning a way of life and history our nation was built on. A way of life our nation is fed and clothed by. My great grandfather was deemed a “perfect specimen of western manhood” by President Teddy Roosevelt for his actions and lifestyle choices. So how come the world is suddenly blind to this? I beg of you to broaden your understanding of the way of life that would be affected as a result of this ban. Do not just think of the rodeo competitors but also your ranchers. Your farmers. Your grocery stores. Your clothing designers. Your modern medicine. Because EVERY one of those industries and EVERY single U.S. citizen will reap the sorrows of this decision. Please, do not let this happen.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John Muse

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I believe that rodeos are part of the story of the settlement of the American West and therefore is part of our American culture. no one is forcing people to attend rodeos. it should be a free market for these events.



## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Alison whetten  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:08 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** SAVE RODEO!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Betty Pratt

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:11 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** To those council members that are actually considering this ordinance to go into affect, please take into consideration the lives you will be affecting. The men and women who make a living in rodeos, from the stock contractors, to the contestants, and the cities that hold these events and the money they make from holding rodeos. PRCA has always had strick guidelines for the protection of any cruelty to any of the animals. All of us that are part of the PRCA take great strides in making sure both animal and athletes are safe, and taken good care of. Stopping rodeo's a tradition that has been around for 100's of years will be detrimental to more than just the PRCA, but all the other rodeo associations that depend on hosting a rodeo each year and most of the proceeds go to a charity in their community. PRCA is made up of professional business people and athletes that take great pride in keeping the rodeo tradition going for future generations.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Keep Rodeo! Save rodeo!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pete Heffley

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Before any vote is taken all sides need to be heard and only factual information should be considered. Do not stop the sport of rodeo or do away with western lifestyle and heritage

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:31 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** You all know nothing about rodeo, ranching or the western way of life.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lee Furr

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:35 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** We as Americans will not tolerate this ban on rodeo events. The false narrative that animal are abused is sickening. I have been around rodeo my entire life and have never witnessed any abuse. This is our livelihood and passion so there would be zero benefit to abusing these animals. God Bless America!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please ensure that we can continue to hold rodeos as we have done for over 100 years in the west. Rodeo is TRADITION and is about bringing the community together and sharing time and experiences with other. Anything that impacts being able to continue be together at our annual rodeo would be a tremendous harm to the people of our local communities. RODEO MATTERS! Thank you kindly.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mike Nannini

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:43 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** To whom this may concern, I would like to comment on the proposed ordinance which would ban rodeo devices, including electric prods, flank or bucking straps, wire tie-downs, sharpened or fixed or rowels, and lariats or lassos. Banning these rodeo tools, makes putting on a rodeo and competing nearly impossible. This proposal needs revision for the sake of cowboy culture. Cowboy culture, also known as rodeo, is important to America and Los Angeles because it is an inspiration to others for hard work, it promotes the beef industry which feeds many, and lastly is an entertaining event which people from all walks of life enjoy. We all know how important entertainment is in these trying times. I, myself, am cowboy, both ranching and in the rodeo, and have lived in both liberal and conservative places. I have made friends in both places and I have found that many people love rodeo and what it stands for, in both conservative and liberal communities. I have also had an interview with Miss Montana, who is a vegan, and from Los Angeles. Although she did not agree with me, she respected my decision, to be a rodeo cowboy, as I respected hers. Although some might not agree with rodeo, and outright hate it, there are just as many who have the love for it, or just simply respect it. I will finish with this, please do not ban these rodeo tools, because simply put, they are what make rodeo possible. Thank you for your time and consideration



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mike Hinkebein  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:48 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would invite the Council to come to our rodeo here in Missouri, or any rodeo in the nation and other countries and spend a couple days educating themselves on how these events are put on before you make a decision. Spend some time with people who own livestock, transportation systems, Veterinarians that are on duty and on call year around taking care of these animals. Run down and spend an hour in your local feed dealers and nutritionists stores. Talk to the contractors, the contestants, the spectators. Make an educated decision that you can sleep with the rest of your life. Thanks for your time and service.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Trinidad Valdivia

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** This ban only one sided as most animal contractors are very humane when it comes to there livestock. Rodeo also only bring in the best stock as well as condition while at their show is good for the livestock

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 05:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo animals are cared for and loved by their owners better then most people care for their kids. The are loved not abused.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Debbie

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 06:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** If you cancel rodeo then cancel all protest. We want the rodeo!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 06:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo and western heritage is the epitome of California history. Additionally, rodeo events being economic support for our community as well as the contestants that depend on it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina suick

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 06:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Evening, I just wanted to post comment regarding western lifestyle and rodeo. I train barrel horses and my son ropes. I would really hate to see any ordinances change or eliminate rodeo events in your city. Unless you grow up in the cattle or rodeo industry I know it's hard to understand but we love our our horses and our cattle. We spend most out time keeping them healthy and happy and their welfare is actually our priority and I know my horses love their job. I bet the bulls like their job to. The only way I can describe this to you is if something in my barrel racing run and I have to stop and my horses doesn't know why I can tell he want to finish his run and that horse is upset because it had to stop. It's the same as if you were running a race and tripped and lost. Just my thoughts on it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 06:31 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The rodeo industry takes care of its animals better than anyone. The idea of banning the sport and limiting the standards that are already in place is unrealistic and is not a fair to the people who enjoy the sport and love the lifestyle Some of the animals used in the sport are worth over \$100,000 per animal. Please do not pass any laws that would impact the rodeo world. Thabk you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** K. McKinzie

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 06:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Members of the Council, as a lifelong Rodeo participant raised by rodeo parents, I feel that it is imperative for you to understand the true nature of rodeo. Rodeo stock, bucking along with timed event are treated almost like royalty. The cost of such animals runs in the 5 and 6 digits for bucking stock and several hundred for the timed event stock. Contractors know that without the GREAT stock they don't have a rodeo. For this reason, they are feed and cared for in the best possible way. I have heard "rodeo uneducated" people state that the flank straps work by "hurting" the animal in turn making them buck, this is simply not true. The flanks of animals are ticklish just like our arm pits, that is why they buck. Just go get on any broke horse and kick him in the flanks or squeeze him in the flanks and you will see what I mean. These bucking animals are bred to buck "more heart/grittier", most come from a long line of great buckers. Just like a line of great working dogs or show dogs. Now let's discuss the timed event horse: roping, barrel and dogging horses. These animals are getting the best feed, supplements and veterinary care that there is along with a very intense exercise program. My hope and dream would be that parents would treat their kids as well as these animals are, if so, we wouldn't have any more child abuse in the world! Just like the rough stock animals, these horses are also bred for ability in the given event. Most of these animals LOVE what they are doing and have a great connection to their jockey. In my case when I walk outside my heading horse will meet me for his daily butt scratches and my barrel mare will come up and nuzzle me wanting her ears and eyes rubbed. Just like the rough stock, these great horses are selling for 5 and 6 figures. I myself was offered \$30,000 for my heading horse and I don't go to the big events, just all girl roping's and jackpots. You see it wouldn't make sense to not treat him for the true blessing and athlete that he is. The pro caliber horses are selling for way over \$100,000 before they are ever proven winners in the rodeo arena. As with anything there will always be rotten apples in every crate. I'm not going to deny that there are some people that shouldn't be allowed to own ANY kind of animal just like some people shouldn't be allowed to be parents. The answer is to go after those that are abusing the privilege, (yes animal ownership is a privilege, not a right) and to not punish the responsible, loving animal owners. Go after the



owners that have animals with no protection from the weather, not properly fed or watered and receiving no veterinary care. Yes, also go after the ones that are abusing animals with excessive "training". 50 years ago, the training methods were totally different than today's methods. We have learned from our predecessor's mistakes along with the awesome breeding programs that "less is more". In closing I just want you to try to understand what rodeo truly is. Maybe take a trip to one of the big stock contractors ranches and see just how things work or go to one of the pro timed event persons ranches and see what happens on a daily basis. As stated, before I'm not denying that there is abuse in the world, stay vigilant against the true abused animals which are generally found in people's back yards or hobby owners, and occasionally in the rodeo arena. I am confident that you will find the 99.9% of the true rodeo people put the animal athletes first! Thank you for your time K. McKinzie

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 06:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is a part of our heritage. There is no deliberate attempt to injure or harm the animals. Actually, steps are taken to ensure that doesn't occur. Please review the facts carefully and do not rely on emotional observations and complaints. Also, consider the economic impact that cancelling these events will have on business owners in the area.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mrs. Braudrick

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 07:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not let your city and citizens in your county miss out on the opportunity to see the western way of life through the many events your community could host. The economic impact these events bring to communities across the United States exceeds billions of dollars. The Houston, TX Livestock Show and Rodeo has an economic impact of 245 million dollars to their community with an 11 million direct impact during the three weeks it runs in February. Much of this goes to the youth for scholarships towards college. Passing bills or laws against the western industries financially excludes your city and county of millions of dollars. It also makes people in your community spend their money elsewhere to see these events. The contractors and producers of these events spend lots of money to care for the livestock and have vets on site for emergencies during these events. Thank you for your consideration and time in reading this.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Sean  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 07:20 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban Rodeos in LA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathryn Manzer  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 07:49 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please take the time to consult with the PRCA and educate yourself with experts before you pass this ordinance.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Johnson

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 07:55 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** In response to the recent proposal under consideration concerning how animal entertainment will be conducted in the future. As a Stuntman/Actor/Wrangler/Teamster born and raised just 15 miles from downtown L.A., and with over 50 years of livestock handling I am absolutely positive that what you are considering will put all livestock, wranglers, handlers, arena personnel, and even fans in serious danger. The controls that are in place are for the protection of everyone; especially the livestock when used by the proper personnel. Nobody wants to preserve the health of their livestock more than its owner/contractor. And, when a horse costs anywhere from \$50,000-\$100,000; and brings 3 times that in earnings or any income, health of the animal is certainly priority. I know my horses always eat before I do. The same with the rest of their health. They always come first to real horsemen and horsewomen. Ask the counsel this; how many that are considering this dangerous proposal are now or ever been a livestock owner? Show of hands! Then you better take the advice of someone that really knows; not someone that just thinks these controls are cruel. When folks make decisions because of emotions instead of common sense, people; animals; and property are always at risk. ...or is this just another ploy for development of such places like Santa Anita Race Track just to make more expensive homes for tax revenue? Incidentally, I was born and raised in Arcadia. I urge you to vote this proposal DOWN. If you don't, you obviously do not have the necessary experience with livestock to understand the consequences you are creating. Listen to experts like myself; or Phil Smith (Hollywood's premiere Wrangler); or PRCA Stock Contractors; or at least go talk with handlers/owners over at Burbank Equestrian Center to gain the information needed to make an INFORMED DECISION. Thank you, DJ Johnson aka David Johnson

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Jami Rodriguez  
**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 08:24 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Keep the Rodeo going!!!

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Alicia Keller

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2022 08:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop this animal abuse now! End all Rodeos!