

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather Wilson

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2021 09:26 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmember Blumenfield, Councilmember O'Farrell, and LA City Council: Thank you for adding this to your meeting agenda. Los Angeles and now California has made it clear how we feel about circuses. Rodeos & circuses are much more alike than one might think. Circuses take wild animals and make them tame. Rodeos take tame animals and make them wild. But instead of using bull hooks and chains- the rodeo uses flank straps, spurs, & electric prods. These are the instruments to make horses and bulls buck, spin, jump, run, and act wild. When large, powerful animals are induced by humans to be terrified to death, they respond in unnatural manners which places them at grave risk for injuries, with fatalities not being uncommon. Horses are known to "buck blind" and run straight into walls, causing fatal head or neck trauma. 2,000 pound bulls come crashing down on their hind legs, causing dislocations, fractures, even broken backs. There are also numerous incidents of escaped bulls, desperate and terrified. They have run through crowds, injuring others. Over approximately a 30-year period there have been at least 20 such cases. Ten of these bulls were killed, with 8 being shot to death by police. The violence and the cruelty does not end there. There are also roping events with steers and baby calves. Broken necks are very common, especially with the babies. Then we have steer wrestling, again resulting in injured horses and steers being trampled or experiencing massive neck trauma. Google and other internet searches yield countless examples of photos and videos of rodeo cruelty. In addition to "sanctioned" events, there is unfortunately a litany of other cruelties that are imposed upon innocent animals; included but not limited to: \* Wild horse races and stampedes \* Wild cow milking \* Mutton busting \* Animal scrambles \* Wild donkey roping ◇◇◇◇◇◇◇◇

From the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association:  
Rodeo-Related Injuries Evident at Slaughter Dr. Peggy Larson, former rodeo vet, bareback bronc rider turned lawyer and animal advocate, states: "As a pathologist and former meat inspector, I believe my colleagues when they report horrendous injuries to rodeo cattle." Dr. C. G. Haber--a veterinarian with thirty years of experience as a USDA meat inspector--says, "The rodeo folks send their animals to the packing houses where...I have seen cattle

so extensively bruised that the only areas in which the skin was attached was the head, neck, legs, and belly. I have seen animals with six to eight ribs broken from the spine and at times puncturing the lungs. I have seen as much as two and three gallons of free blood accumulated under the detached skin."1 A career USDA meat inspection veterinarian, Dr. Robert Fetzner, Director of Slaughter Operations for the USDA Food Safety and Inspection Service, stated in our phone conversation on September 9, 1998, "Lots of rodeo animals went to slaughter. I found broken ribs, punctured lungs, hematomas, broken legs, severed tracheas and the ligamenta nuchae were torn loose." (Torn nuchal ligaments are essentially broken necks and this is the sad fate of many roping calves.) ◇◇◇◇◇ I have a pile of "Rodeo reporting forms" which has been submitted to your office; a sample is also attached herein. These are available through the CA public records act. They are from the CA Department of Consumer Affairs (DCA), Veterinary Medical Board. They are veterinarian reports of injuries and fatalities. After reading these reports, you will ask yourself, how can this be legal? And the answer is, it does NOT have to be. You have the power to stop this. You can make a difference for these animals in our city by not allowing rodeos and rodeo type activities. We can, we must, do better. I will end with a famous quote from Mahatma Gandhi: "The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated." Thank you for your service. Heather Wilson, CRNA, MS Los Angeles



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**Veterinarian's Report for the Poway Rodeo (Sept. 27 & 28, 2019)  
in compliance with California Penal Code 596.7 (2)**

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As the attending veterinarian for the above event, the following is a brief case description of the animal injuries that I observed/treated:

1. There were no injuries during the rodeo performance.
2. A bucking horse ("Trust Me", bay warmblood mare) exhibited signs of colic (down, light thrashing) on 9/27/19 at 9am. The stock provider's staff administered Banamine 10cc IV and xylazine 3cc IV. At 10:30am, I observed the patient to be in lateral recumbency but not thrashing. The patient was moved to an examination chute (she did so easily and without hesitation or signs of discomfort). She was Bright/Alert/Responsive, heart rate was 42 beats per minute, dorsal and ventral left side GI sounds were present but decreased. Due to her fractious nature, further examination was not possible. I administered dipyrone 20cc IV. The patient was returned to her regular holding pen and observed throughout the day. She did not exhibit any further signs of colic or discomfort for the remainder of the rodeo.

If you or anyone else has any questions about the injuries, please feel free to contact me at 858-547-9111 or panioloequine@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

  
Joe Rosenberg, DVM



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From Tim Eastman DVM, DACVS

Messages: \* Updated/Corrected  
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for the California Rodeo Salinas.

Thank you!

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Sent By Analyn 831-455-1808

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DATE OF REPORT	04/30/2019
ATTENDING VETERINARIAN (AT EVENT)	Troy S. Ford DVM, DACVS
TREATING VETERINARIAN	Troy S. Ford, DVM, DACVS
TITLE OF EVENT	Clovis Rodeo
LOCATION OF EVENT	Clovis, CA
DATE OF EVENT	04/24/2019 - 04/28/2019
TYPE OF ANIMAL	Tie Down Roping Calves
DESCRIPTION OF INJURY	Calves 564, 646, and 596 were removed from competition due to sore necks characterized by mild-moderate swelling in the brisket region. In each case the calves did not require treatment other than a minimum of 30 days rest from competition.
	Calves 615 and 576 were removed from competition due to a bilateral serous nasal discharge; in each case the calves were administered NSAID'S antimicrobials. Treatments to be continued by the contractor upon returning home. Each calf was BAR and eating well.



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DATE OF REPORT	4-23-2019
ATTENDING VETERINARIAN (AT EVENT)	WAYNE C. MERHOFF DVM
TREATING VETERINARIAN	WAYNE C. MERHOFF DVM
TITLE OF EVENT	RED BLUFF Roundup
LOCATION OF EVENT	Fairgrounds Tehama County
DATE OF EVENT	4-19 Thru 4-21-2019
TYPE OF ANIMAL	Bovine / Equine
DESCRIPTION OF INJURY	<p>Bovine: Fracture left fore metacarpus as the result of an abnormal fall during steer wrestling. Analgesic injected owner to splint</p> <p>Equine: Animal in the Wild Horse Race died as the result of a broken neck/basilar skull fracture. This animal got loose from team, and in running with other horses, Trapped on the lead shank and in landing struck its poll and died immediately</p>



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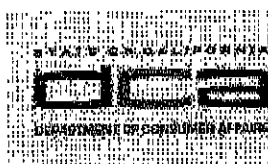
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DATE OF REPORT	Oct. 14, 2018
ATTENDING VETERINARIAN (AT EVENT)	Margo R. Machen, DVM
TREATING VETERINARIAN	Margo R. Machen, DVM
TITLE OF EVENT	San Dimas Rodeo
LOCATION OF EVENT	<del>Oct. 14, 2018</del> San Dimas, CA
DATE OF EVENT	Oct. 14, 2018
TYPE OF ANIMAL	Steer (Bull Dogging) #22
DESCRIPTION OF INJURY	Steer hit his left hip on the rail going through the chute. On examination, there were no obvious fractures or swelling. Steer was lame but bearing full weight on the limb. Excluded him from competing today. Owner will treat.



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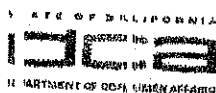
DATE OF REPORT <b>10/1/2018</b>	<b>RECEIVED</b> <b>OCT 03 2018</b> <b>VMB/RVTC</b>
ATTENDING VETERINARIAN (AT EVENT) <b>Dr. Jacob Johnson</b>	
TREATING VETERINARIAN <b>Dr. Elizabeth Schillings</b>	
TITLE OF EVENT <b>San Bernardino County Sheriff's PRCA Rodeo</b>	
LOCATION OF EVENT <b>Devore, CA</b>	
DATE OF EVENT <b>9/28-9/30, 2018</b>	
TYPE OF ANIMAL <b>Bucking Horse</b>	
DESCRIPTION OF INJURY <b>This about 5 year old gray bucking Mare injured her presumptive lower back during the first night of the event. She was a non draw horse used during the speciality act-Charro bucking horse, owned by the stock contractor. After bucking out she returned to the catch pens sore. The treating veterinarian, whom is the stock contractors veterinarian treated the horse with NSAIDS and rest, the following morning the horse was still sore through hindlimbs and back, she exhibited neurologic signs in the hindlimbs characteristic of a lower back injury. The treating veterinarian continued treatment and observation. Further description, treatment and/or prognosis would need to be obtained from treating vet., Dr. Schillings.</b>	

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DATE OF REPORT	July 24, 2018
ATTENDING VETERINARIAN (AT EVENT)	Tim Eastman DVM, DACVS
TREATING VETERINARIAN	same
TITLE OF EVENT	California Rodeo
LOCATION OF EVENT	Salinas CA
DATE OF EVENT	July 19-22, 2018
TYPE OF ANIMAL	Tie-down roping calf; Steerwrestling steer
DESCRIPTION OF INJURY	1. On Friday July 20th during the slack a tie-down roping calf (ear tag #85) sustained a tibia fracture of his right hindlimb. A splint cast combination was placed and the calf is doing well.
	2. On Friday July 20th during the slack for the steer wrestling (ear tag #84) a steer dislocated his neck and was euthanized due to a poor prognosis.
	3. On Sunday July 22 a contestant's horse in the team roping sustained what appeared to be a soft tissue injury of his right forelimb. The horse received 2 grams of phenylbutazone and was sent home for monitoring.

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DATE OF REPORT <b>7/5/2018</b>
ATTENDING VETERINARIAN (AT EVENT) <b>Dr. Lisa Gamsjaeger</b>
TREATING VETERINARIAN <b>Dr. Lisa Gamsjaeger UC Davis Large Animal Clinic (530-752-0290)</b>
TITLE OF EVENT <b>Folsom Pro Rodeo</b>
LOCATION OF EVENT <b>Folsom, CA</b>
DATE OF EVENT <b>6/30/2018</b>
TYPE OF ANIMAL <b>brown quarter horse gelding (bucking horse with a 200 number)</b>
DESCRIPTION OF INJURY <b>brown quarter horse gelding fell on its left side, (bucking horse)</b>
<b>could not move its hind legs, the cowboys tied all 4 feet together while I was running down there to get my drugs.</b>
<b>The trailer was already in front of the horse when I went into the arena</b>
<b>and the horse on a sled, so I gave 12mg Detomidine and 5mg</b>
<b>Butorphanol IV. They then pulled the horse on the trailer and once it was</b>
<b>outside of the arena I went in again to assess mucous membranes (pink)</b>
<b>and HR (64, regular). Could not assess hind end as it was pushed into the</b>
<b>corner of the trailer but no movement (however legs were still tied</b>
<b>together). Sedated more with 10mg Detomidine IV and 5mg Butorphanol</b>
<b>IV, and then 5mg Butorphanol IM. They then said they are going to take</b>
<b>the horse to Marysville and call the vet on the way. I told them vet needs to be there for unloading and immediate assessment. Suspect hip fracture or spinal cord injury.</b>

**FAX COVER SHEET**

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FAX NUMBER	19169286852
FROM	Charlie or Nicole
DATE	2018-06-26 17:13:26 GMT
RE	Rodeo Reporting Form SBSH&R

**COVER MESSAGE**

Terry- Following is the report form for the injury occurring at the San Benito County Horse Show & Rodeo on Sunday June 24th. Any questions may be directed to our office. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Lisa Tobias  
Charles W. Tobias, D.V.M.  
831-635-9632



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DATE OF REPORT	June 25 2018
ATTENDING VETERINARIAN AT EVENT	Charles W Tobias DVM office 831-635-9632
TREATING VETERINARIAN	Charles W Tobias DVM
TITLE OF EVENT	San Benito County Saddle Horse Show and Rodeo
LOCATION OF EVENT	San Benito County Bolado Park Event Center 9000 Airline Hwy Tres Pinos, CA 95075
DATE OF EVENT	June 22-24 2018
TYPE OF INJURY	Saddle Bronc
DESCRIPTION OF INJURY	On June 24 2018 a mare used in the saddle bronc competition suffered a complete breakdown of the right hind fetlock joint. The tendons and suspensory ligaments were completely ruptured and complete dislocation of the fetlock joint occurred. The mare was humanely euthanized.

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DATE OF REPORT	May 20, 2018
ATTENDING VETERINARIAN (AT EVENT)	Dr. Tina Faulkner
TREATING VETERINARIAN	Dr. Tina Faulkner
TITLE OF EVENT	Rowell Ranch Pro Rodeo
LOCATION OF EVENT	Castro Valley, CA
DATE OF EVENT	May 19, 2018
TYPE OF ANIMAL	Saddle Bronc Horse 154 Savina
DESCRIPTION OF INJURY	The mare sustained an injury to the left front shoulder and back after the rider was already thrown off. Mare went down in the arena and was unable to stand. Arena personnel assisted in stabilizing mare so she did not sustain additional injuries. I gave sedation for immobilization after she was in the trailer prior to transportation from arena in a livestock care unit going off site. It was determined that a probable fracture to the humerus/shoulder/back injury was substantial and chances for recovery were low. Euthinized the horse after a consultation with the owner (Flying U Rodeo Co.).



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DATE OF REPORT	5/15/18
ATTENDING VETERINARIAN (AT EVENT)	JENNIFER EARNEST, DVM
TREATING VETERINARIAN	
TITLE OF EVENT	WOODLAKE PRCA RODEO
LOCATION OF EVENT	WOODLAKE, CA
DATE OF EVENT	5/12/18 + 5/13/18
TYPE OF ANIMAL	
DESCRIPTION OF INJURY	No injuries that required veterinary treatment occurred at the Woodlake Rodeo.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elaine Livesey-Fassel

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2021 09:50 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This politically active citizen is, and has been for many years, profoundly NON-supportive of Rodeo and Bull riding in our City , County or State as she considers it inhumane and unworthy of a civilized mode of entertainment. The victimized horses, calves and bulls are put in situations in which they would not naturally find themselves and too often suffer grievous injuries as they seek to release themselves from the ropes in which they are deliberately entangled. This form of Cruelty to Animals for 'entertainments' sake ' is something she finds appalling and sickening. We must begin to foster the humane treatment of all animals and begin to respect and protect these creatures and not continue to exploit them or cause them lethal harm. Thank you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patty Shenker

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2021 11:15 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers- My family and I are very excited that a ban on the tools used for rodeos & bull riding is being considered. Just like our city banned bull hooks and chains on elephants in circuses, we need to do the same for these poor farmed animals. The bull hook ban soon ended the circuses coming to LA and the same will happen if we ban these 'tools' of the rodeo- namely, flank straps, spurs & electric prods. These animals, like the ones used and abused in circuses, are frightened and are often severely injured and killed much more often. In 1992, the City of Pittsburgh banned rodeo after a televised incident aired a tragic injury that happened to a bull. The bull crashed down on his hind legs and broke his leg. The bull screamed in pain for hours as the audience there & viewing on TV watched and there was no vet on site. The people of Pittsburgh and the city council quickly banned flank straps and electric prods and rodeos have not been there ever since. Humans are also injured and killed- those in the rodeos, included children in kid's rodeos but also spectators. It poses a dangerous threat of liability to the City as well. In this very violent world, we need our leaders will lead us to a kinder, more compassionate world for all and not promote and support cruelty to anyone. Let's pass this before any animal or human has to suffer for this perverted entertainment here in LA. As Maxim Huerto, former Minister of Culture in Spain said-"I do not like to see much suffering mixed with applause." Passing an ordinance to ban these 'tools of torture' would help to discourage such activities and elevate our humanity. Alphonse Marie Louis d'Lamartine said- "We cannot have two hearts- one for the animals and one for men. In cruelty towards the former and cruelty to the latter, there is no difference but in the victim." Thank you for your time and please go forward with this ordinance. Patty Shenker & Doug & Julia Stoll 5441 Dubois Ave. Woodland Hills, Ca. 91367

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bonnie Croker

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2021 11:53 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please ban rodeos from Los Angeles. Using cruel equipment like flank straps, spurs and electric prods on horses, bulls and calves is no different than using these torture devices on dogs, cats or children. If you saw someone on the street throw their dog to the ground, tie his feet and sit on him, you would call an animal cruelty team. Rodeo involves acts like these and worse, often breaking an animal's neck or back. Yet, heartless people call this entertainment and buy tickets. Los Angeles, City of the Angels, city of my birth, should not be known as a city that permits animal abuse. Thank you, Bonnie Croker

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kristy osuna

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2021 12:08 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Animals have literally been killed in front of audiences during these events. The animal abuse is severe and is not at all a sport. None of it should be legal.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniel Rodrigues

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2021 12:36 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council, Please consider eliminating the unnecessary exploitation and abuse of conscious sentient creatures which in this case are animals used in rodeos for entertainment. This is an antiquated practice that we should now recognize as cruel and abusive to animals that feel pain and suffer just as dogs, cats, or humans would. This is undebatable which science has proven with out doubt. Imposing harm and suffering on innocent beings for the sake entertainment and profit with the city of LA being complicit is outrageous and unjust. This industry continues to use flank straps, spurs, electric prods and other devices which are by nature inhumane and should be banned from being used on animals during rodeos or similar types of activities. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vivianne Pulido-Price

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2021 12:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** To Whom This May Concern I would appreciate if you would consider banning all forms of rodeo from Los Angeles. It's cruel to the animals and very dangerous for the riders. It's a bad reflection of the citizens of Los Angeles. The usage of whips, electric prods and spurs are not only extremely painful for the animals but causes permanent damage to them. Thank you  
Vivianne



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bryan Monell

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2021 09:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Honorable L.A. City Councilmembers, I lived in L.A. and have attended hundreds of rodeos all over the country from CA to NY from WY to MS from WA to FL and states in between. I am writing in support of banning rodeos in Los Angeles. The one thing they all have in common is animals are distressed, injured and sometimes killed. I saw bareback and saddle bronc mares including a pregnant one being shocked in the bucking chutes and forced to buck at the San Dimas rodeo just 31 miles from L.A. City Hall. While the rider was still on her back during the run the announcer said "that right there is a mamma, she's got a bucking horse baby in her belly, ain't that cool" I've seen several saddle bronc horses illegally shocked in the chutes at the Poway CA rodeo. I've seen bucking horses killed in the arena in front of thousands of people in NJ and CA. I've seen countless calves being violently jerked back and seriously injured or killed during calf roping aka tie down roping. During steer wrestling I've seen steers break their legs as a result of cowboys jumping off their horse at full gallop onto the neck of the steer, twisting the steers neck and tossing them to the ground. I've seen others die in the arena. I've seen bulls injured and I've seen contestants get hurt, some quite seriously. It is impossible to put on a rodeo without abusing animals. The animals injured during the show in front of the paying crowd don't represent all of those maimed and killed. Others are injured and killed during slack. Slack is where they hold calf roping, steer wrestling and barrel racing runs before the main show. If a rodeo has slack the top slack contestants go on to the main performance. The biggest rodeo association is the PRCA (Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association) But there are several others like the IPRA, APRA and SRA. There are college rodeos and even rodeos for kids ages 5-19 called NLBRA (National Little Britches Rodeo Association). I've been to and seen animals get hurt at rodeos sponsored by all of these associations. It doesn't matter who is putting on the rodeo, the PRCA the IPRA etc., invariably animals get hurt. It's the nature of the business. I've seen animals get hurt at rodeos hosted by a Church in TX and by rodeos sponsored by Sheriff's Posses. It doesn't matter how respectable or how unsavory the people sponsoring the rodeo are, the fact is animals are going to be distressed, injured and killed for no good reason. I've seen animals punched and kicked at

rodeos. I've seen horses, calves steers and bulls distressed injured and killed at the largest, most prestigious rodeos in the world like Frontier Days in Cheyenne WY and Reno NV and at some of the highest payout rodeos in affluent communities like Mission Viejo, CA and animals injured in little rural rodeos in KS. I've seen calf's tormented and horses shocked at the CNFR (College National Finals Rodeo) in Casper WY. These all happened in the last couple years. Certainly not every animal is injured at every rodeo but rodeos are inherently violent. There are unseen injuries that do occur but are never made public like soft tissue injuries not outwardly visible but which are real and painful to the animal. I won't go into all the horrific injuries rodeo animals suffer. I can provide you with medical professionals who will if you like. I just want you to know that having seen it 1st hand at every level of competition and seen every type of rodeo I can assure you there is no place you can go to find a humane rodeo. It doesn't exist. A common lie told at rodeos is that the rodeo is simply doing what was done on cattle ranches. They claim they are simply doing traditional practices. On a cattle ranch calves are your lifeblood. Unlike the rodeo guys competing today, real cowboys were not sitting on their horse waiting for the chute to open then chasing the calf at full gallop, throwing a rope around the calf's neck, violently jerking them down and tying up 3 of their legs in 7 seconds or so. If you were on a cattle ranch and your boss saw you treating the livestock that way you'd likely be fired. Ranch life is hard enough without deliberately endangering the animals and losing money all for a quick thrill. Any honest cattle ranch owner will confirm this. It is interesting that many rodeos prohibit the taking video and will kick out anyone they catch filming it. They try hard to hide their punching, kicking, electric prods and other abuse of the animals. Rodeos are concerned that if the public and politicians know what really happens at the rodeo they will boycott and ban them. If rodeos are allowed in L.A. it is not a matter of if, it is a matter when an animal and or human is injured or killed there. It will happen. Honorable councilmembers you have the power to avoid this unnecessary suffering and death. Please ban rodeos in Los Angeles. Thank you for your time and consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lynn Freudenberg

**Date Submitted:** 02/21/2021 10:36 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please ban rodeo event in Los Angeles, as a horse owner for over 27 years, I have witnessed the abuse at these events, it is not entertainment it is beyond cruelty. No animal should be subjected to electric prods, shocking devices, flank and bucking straps, wire tiedowns, sharpened spurs and rowels. This is Rodeo--Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Bull Riding, Bronc Riding Calf Roping A cruel event, baby calves are used, yes they are large but still are babies who should be with their mothers. In a rodeo they are forced to run at speeds in excess of 25 miles per hour when roped. How they are forced to run at such a fast pace? They are tormented while being held in a holding chute, their tails are twisted, rubbed back and forth over the steel chute bars then shocked with a 5,000-volt electric prods until the gate opens, only to be stopped by a rope around their neck as they are savagely thrown to the ground, many are injured, some are killed. I boarded my horse at R&R Ranch in Moorpark, CA. I watched as "cowboys" practiced roping baby cows, unfortunately I could not avoid them as they spend a large amount of time practicing to become proficient. Young baby calves are savagely thrown to the ground, while tied up in rope around their necks and feet, this is not entertainment, it is sickening barbaric archaic form of entertainment. Roping cannot be done in a humane way. Steer Wrestling Steer wrestling causes injury and death, in this cruel event. A steer is forced to run at top speed while a contestant jumps off of his horse, grabs the horns of the steer and twists the steers neck until he falls to the ground. Their heads are violently twisted back and forth, often suffering a broken neck. Bull Riding This may seem to be appear less harmful since the bulls are so large but to enhance the bull's performance, cattle prods are repeatedly used to shock the bulls as they stand trapped in a bucking chute. Bucking straps and sharpened spurs are used to anger the bull, bucking beyond his ability, causing severe injury to front and back legs, and many times fracture their limbs. Bronc Riding Nothing but a death sport, ridden so hard that horses crash into fence posts in the arena or into the holding chute. Bucking horses must be spurred over the shoulders on each jump or buck in order for the rider to qualify. Spurs cause blunt trauma to the shoulders which do not have time to heal between rodeo circuits. Bucking straps cause chafing to the delicate flank area, very

painful to have a tight strap on raw skin. These horses are purposely prodded with spurs and tight leather straps to run blind, trying to flee their abuser. Why would anyone who loves animals want to inflict such abuse? Horses are terrified, shocked with prods before leaving a small confined pen. There are many videos are on YouTube showing all atrocities of rodeo, men seen holding electrical devices as they are shocking horses in sensitive areas right before they are released from the holding pen. The entire rodeo industry is cruel, please show compassion and ban rodeo events from Los Angeles, CA. Cities around the country have passed ordinances eliminating common rodeo devices: the electric prod, spurs and flank strap all cause pain and force the animals to "perform." When these devices are banned, rodeos disappear. Thank you, Lynn Freudenberg

## Communication from Public

**Name:** William Eckert

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**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am a resident of Acton and run an animal facility licensed by LAC ACC. I rescue homeless dogs and horses on my 10 acre ranch. I am requesting the City Attorney to prepare and present an Ordinance to prohibit electric prods or shocking devices, flank or bucking straps, wire tie downs, and sharpened or fixed spurs or rowels at all rodeo or rodeo related events in the City of Los Angeles, modeled after the City of Pittsburgh's 1992 ordinance banning the aforementioned implements. Los Angeles has always been a leader in animal welfare issues leading and guiding the rest of the nation, let's not stop now. The World is evolving and our laws must evolve with it...LA is always a true leader.