

Communication from Public

Name: G. Saltzman
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 11:08 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this ban.

Communication from Public

Name: Dianne M

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 10:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE this ban. Like all the cancel culture going on in today's society, it's time to stop before we lose all of history and traditions. Rodeos provide good, wholesome family entertainment. The animals that perform in rodeos are very well treated and enjoy their moment in the spotlight. Yes, accidents can and do happen, but they are kept to an absolute minimum. You can say the same thing about driving cars. There are accidents that do occur. Do we ban cars too? Please to do listen to the Animal Rights Groups who are pushing their radical agenda of total animal liberation. We enjoy and need animals in our lives. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: William Black

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 10:12 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Council File Number 20-1575 Rodeo stock contractors have a 99.9% safety rating in taking care of the animals in their care. This is their livelihood. Rodeo animals have constant medical care, quality feed & water and are considered valuable members of the family team. Los Angeles city and county is going to lose about 73 million dollars in revenue. The Staples Center will be one of the venues that are hardest hit. It will put this and other stadium and arena workers out of jobs within the area. They are already hurting from the CoVid shutdown. Maybe you need ban all collars and leashes for dogs, cats, and other pets in your city also. Collars and leashes can be heavy and will choke or tangle and harm the legs of a dog or cat and will cause them harm.

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Name: Misael García

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 10:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm a Southern California cowboy all my life I've been raised in the rodeo life style it's more then a passion for me it's my life if you ban rodeos from California you won't just affect my lifestyle you will affect my child's if he decides to follow my footsteps as well. This is something we love just like you love your lifestyle it makes us happy and it's been something our family has been living for many years in the passed. God bless you all and thank you for listening

Communication from Public

Name: Jeanne

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 07:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: RE: Rodeo Please don't pass this bill to end rodeo. Rodeo gives so many opportunities to young people. The rodeo committees give scholarships and help throughout the communities. The livestock are very well taken care of. If they are poor they won't perform well and they won't make any money on bad stock. It will be a shame if you cancel rodeo. It means so much to a lot of people.

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Name: Kizzy McGlothin

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 07:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo don't harm animals. It's a family and a union this is all my family know, especially my kids without rodeo what other structure would my kids have. Without rodeo what else would our youth do. That would take their souls away.

Communication from Public

Name: Merry Draper

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Animals used in rodeo events as well as other animal competition have a 1% of data being hurt . Dogs, cats, backyard horses are more in danger of being abused than competition animals. Contestants and stock producers make sure their animals are taken care of the best possible way. I am a competitor and rancher self employed taking care of my animals is my livelihood and love the closeness of raising the babies and never abusing them in anyway. Ask yourself Why would I abuse any animals or any of the other people who work with them? Go out and experience what all these people do and then question yourself about what LA is trying to pass. Use common sense, I know that is difficult for city people, try it you will smile for a change, doing the right jester in this case.

Communication from Public

Name: Anthony a. espinoza

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in favor of rodeos and bull riding as it is part of my heritage to take good care of my animals i.e. horses and cattle as historically done in California Horse and cattle history. The Charro history and horse racing history. Rodeo has always played a roll in LA history and should still be part of current history and enjoyment.

Communication from Public

Name: Casey Phillips

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Members of the Los Angeles City Council, Animal extremist groups are pressing hard to end animal ownership, from domestic cats and dogs to horses, livestock, and even your child's pet goldfish. To them, any animal in captivity is wrong. Even more so, any animal that is used in a sport, as a working animal, or as a food, fiber and fur source is abhorrent. Respectfully, the recent unanimous decision by the council, "to ban the inhumane implements used in rodeos and rodeo events", proves how out of touch you are with veterinarian-approved, animal husbandry tools. For example, Last Chance for Animals, an animal extremist group well known for its radical views, states that "animals used in rodeo performances undergo extreme abuse to make them perform. This includes shocking their bodies with electric prods, jabbing their bodies with sticks, and forcing animals to wear 'flank straps', which are straps secured so tightly around their abdomens it causes pain and forces them to buck." I urge you to educate yourselves on the rules of the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association and the Professional Bull Riders Association for the rules and regulations that they MUST follow to compete in these rodeos. A partial list of rules includes, a veterinarian must be on-site at all PRCA sanctioned rodeos, all animals must be inspected and evaluated for illness, weight, eyesight and injury before performing, spurs must be dull and loose for saddle bronc and bareback riding, they must be dull and loosely locked for bull riding, standard electric prods may only be used when necessary and only on the shoulder, flank straps for horses are fleece or neoprene-lined and for bulls are made of soft cotton rope and may be lined with fleece or neoprene. Last Chance for Animals states that the flank strap is secured so tightly around the abdomen so that it causes the animal pain and forces them to buck. Flank straps are a signal to buck, much like a vest on a service dog tells it "it's time to work." The flank strap is secured around the "waist" of the horse or bull and is no tighter than your belt around your waist. Think about it- when YOUR belt is too tight, do YOU want to move? The reality is that the flank strap is a signal to the horse or bull that it's time to have some fun. These animals, some worth up to hundreds of thousands of dollars, love to buck. They are bred from the best bucking lines in the country. The stock contractors who own them know that they must keep them

healthy and happy in order for them to be the best of the bunch and most end up as breeding bulls. Many of the best bucking horses are actually mares and go on to become the mothers of the next generation of bucking horses. Why would animals worth SO much money be treated inhumanely? The “electric prods and shock devices” known as cattle prods were developed to safely move cattle and are considered by veterinarians and cattlemen to be one of the most humane methods to move cattle on the range and in veterinary settings. The prod is powered by a D cell battery and produces volts, not amperage. Voltage causes the ”shock”- a tingling effect- much like a TENS unit or putting your tongue on a 9-volt battery. In California, we have an abundant rodeo history brought to us by the vaqueros from Mexico, African American and white cowboys that will be “canceled” due to the complaints of an animal extremist group. In fact, a number of animal extremist groups in California have banded into a new statewide coalition, the California Animal Association, to “represent the interest of animals at the [California] state capitol.” The members of the coalition include: American Anti-Vivisection Society, Animal Legislative Action Network, Animal Place, Animal Protection Institute, Association of Veterinarians for Animal Rights, California Animal Defense and Anti-Vivisection League, California Lobby for Animal Welfare, Doctors for Kindness to Animals, Farm Sanctuary, In Defense of Animals, Last Chance for Animals, Orange County People for Animals, People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, The Paw Project, United Animal Nations, United Poultry Concerns and Viva! USA. These groups are adamantly opposed to any use of animals, even if those animals provide a service, for food, fiber, fur, protection, even in developing vaccines, like the Moderna, Pfizer and Johnson & Johnson vaccines for COVID. I am asking the City Council to please reconsider the decision to create an ordinance that would effectively ban rodeo and lead to the abolition of other animal exhibitions, including dog shows, agility trials, zoos, and even Olympic Equestrian Sports. I ask that you look to the motives of these groups who want to abolish the sport of rodeo, and consider speaking with the real experts in the field- large animal veterinarians, the different rodeo organizations, and even go visit some of the rodeos and request a tour to visit the animals with no warning. Respectfully yours Casey Phillips Fullerton

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Coty Council Members Re: Rodeo Ban Animal cruelty does not exist in professional rodeo. The livestock is how those men and women earn a living., not that it is of importance because your set out to cancel rodeo in advance. However be honest and say you don't like the culture rather than spread untrue remarks and gossip about how livestock is treated

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the ban on the inhumane treatment of horses, dogs and other animals. These animals deserve better. Do not encourage the mindless training of animals for entertainment purposes. This is the same reason greyhound racing has collapsed around the USA as the supporters vainly try to whitewash their past failures.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: California rodeos are a tradition to most and history to others. California rodeos also have saved the lives of many current cowboys out of low income ghettos of Los Angeles by providing them with a better way of life beyond their surroundings, The Cowboy Life. A lot of proceeds from rodeos taken place in California has been used for positive things like donating to charity and children's hospital. It is a legit sport and entertainment for people of all walks of life and backgrounds to compete and come and watch in a safe and friendly zone. Animals are not hurt during rodeos. If you pay attention you'll notice it's the cowboys who suffers the injuries due to rodeo. This will be an injustice to a lot of people who is proud to call California home.

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Name: Jerry Jackson
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 09:03 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please No

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Name: Mark Faley

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 09:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the counsel to continue to allow human/animal interactions. After having worked with disadvantaged youth for 40 years I have seen the evidence of positive interactions between humans and animals and, frankly, it works for both humans and animals. There is no dispute regarding the science that animals have an immensely positive impact on the lives of many people. After 40 years of working with disadvantaged youth I have seen first hand the absolute improvement these interactions can have. To try to limit these interactions takes us backwards and is a level of cruelty, to the most disadvantaged of us, not seen since the City of LA and State of CA did experiments on the mentally ill. 1. Many people with mental illness benefit from having animals in their lives. Dogs provide a level of consistency and attention that many thrive on. 2. Many service members, wounded in battle, find freedom from the back of a horse. Simply riding a horse improves balance, core strength, upper body toning and increased blood flow. 3. Most major performance horse disciplines have people with disabilities that compete. One individual that rides cutting horses is paralyzed from the waist down. He drives his truck and trailer to a competition, takes his horse out of the trailer, gets into the saddle, warms his horse up, shows, puts his horse back in the trailer and drives home. All done with no help from anyone else. He is not only proud that he does not require help but he states that when he is riding his horse he feels free and that he can compete in sports even with his disability. He takes better care of his equine partner than many parents take care of their own children. 4. There is a young lady that competes in the equestrian sport of Reining in Northern California and she has an extremely hard time interacting with people. However, when she rides, her anxiety is reduced and her confidence increases. According to her mother riding and competing is improving other parts of her life as she gains important lessons and confidence from riding. 5. A program in northern California helps parents and children connect more effectively with each other through equine therapy programs. Most of these programs are praised for helping parents learn that can't control everything and helping children learn that decisions have consequences. 6. You don't have far to look to see other positive aspects of human/animal interactions. Simply look at the Compton horseman program. There are so many positive

things in these interactions it is, frankly, a surprise that this subject is even being discussed. Many have a misguided and politically motivated agenda to limit or eliminate human/animal interactions. This hurts those in the most need the most.

Communication from Public

Name: Anna Beal

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 09:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not allow the animal rights activists to remove rodeos and rodeo-like events from your city. These animals are exceptionally well taken care of. I am extremely disappointed that the City of Los Angeles has taken this step without input from equestrian community and organizations. We value and treat our animals better than ourselves. The rodeo livestock and events have oversight by veterinarians. The longevity of the bucking horses is amazing. Some are bucking competitively into their late teens and early twenties. You can see how proud these animals are when they leave the arena. They are not abused or down trodden. They are bred for their job and they love it.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Sanzone

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 09:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members: I am writing to strongly support passage of the rodeo ordinance being drafted by the city attorney. There is no place in civilized society for animal cruelty and abuse. Cruel devices such as electric cattle prods, flank straps, shocking devices, wire tie-downs and rowels inflict significant pain and injuries on innocent animals, sometimes so severe that they must be euthanized as a result. This is unacceptable and we as a society must do better. Thank you for your leadership on this issue. Respectfully, Lisa Sanzone

Communication from Public

Name: Jim McKay

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 09:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The attempt at not allowing any events involving animals is a mistake and should not be allowed or even considered. This attempt to stop the best cared for and most appreciated animals in the world is being clouded by animal activists who have no idea what they are talking about and are only interested in disruption and deception of the truth. These animals are better looked after than a lot of the children living in your city that should be your concern and not chasing these lies spread by haters. Why don't you give the underprivileged kids in your city free tickets to go to an animal event like a rodeo and maybe give them some hope for a future and let them see what love and caring really is! Your destroying jobs,hopes and people's lives,,is that why you're in government?

Communication from Public

Name: Dawn

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 01:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Leave animal lovers alone! Stop trying to fix what isn't broken. Do the job government is supposed to do, protecting our rights! Enough is enough. People may have opinions but they should never have the right to over ride the rights of others!

Communication from Public

Name: Mary Arguello y Phillips

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 02:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members Rodeo has been part of my families culture here in California for over 250 years. We had rodeos on our ranchos/ land grant, Rancho Tia Juana and my family continues to participate and enjoy this family event. Do not remove this vital part of our culture. We do not harm or abuse animals. Please note that those wanting to remove this cultural event are white. They do not have the fundamental understanding of ranching and culture. Thank You!

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Mott

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 02:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello. Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the possible banning of rodeo and other animal competitions in your city. Although I am not a resident of LA, I find it worrisome that your council would consider banning something that is part of America's traditions--rodeo! I'm sure you've heard from others, but the animals are well cared for from the bucking bulls to the steers to the competitors' horses. Stock contractors are under strict regulations regarding animal care. Secondly, there is also concern that this ordinance would also ban things like 4-H shows, fairs and horse shows. 4-h is an amazing program where kids learn responsibility, hard work and leadership. It would be sad, indeed, to prevent young people from that, especially in a time when it's bemoaned who many kids are glued to their phones playing senseless video games. Do not let radical people who oppose using animals for anything sway your decision. Keep rodeo in LA.

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Name: Ashley Brannan
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 02:51 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not go forward with removing the history of rodeo and AG from this city, and request an extension on the release of the statement that will impact rodeos, horse shows, and dog shows.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 03:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Check accurate records for animal injuries in rodeo. It is less than 1%. It would be stupid to loose the economic impact of rodeo. Rodeo animals receive better care than the homeless on streets of LA. Work on priorities rather than agendas

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Name: Kristen Murphy

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 03:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the purposed ordinance for Rodeos only, with the exception of Spurs and rowels. As a horsewoman there are some mounts that do no react to leg cues without spurs/rowels. I think it's reasonable to ask horse be left with unclipped fur where spurs/rowels might touch. Otherwise this might devalue the horse at no fault of the horse but it's training being outdated.

Communication from Public

Name: Kady Porterfield

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 03:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm the manager of an event center that hosts many rodeo and agricultural sporting competitions and exhibitions year-round. My arena is also home to one of the top 10 rodeos in the whole country. I'm writing to you in regards to the ordinance language you requested the Los Angeles City Attorney to write which pertains to rodeos and rodeo type events. The items listed in the motion for ordinance language (electric cattle prods, sharpened spurs, wire tie-downs, and flank straps) when and if they are used in a rodeo, are carefully regulated and monitored by industry professionals. The initial action to have this ordinance written by the city attorney was presented and urged by animal rights activists, who are against all animal use. These extremists are working to ban all animal ownership including pets and animal agriculture, and this is just another step of incrementalism in their plan. These groups use emotional rhetoric to manipulate public opinion. They purposefully ignore facts and current animal welfare standards. If there are concerns about rodeo and rodeo-type events consultations should be conducted with actual experts in rodeo, animal welfare, and from independent large-animal veterinarians and then strongly considered. I urge you to take into account the track record of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). The PRCA has had animal welfare rules in place since 1947 and currently have over 70 rules protecting the livestock used in currently sanctioned rodeos. The PRCA has also had a 99.9% safety rating for the past 4 years. I'm asking the Los Angeles City Council to look at this issue from the side of animal welfare, not the ideology of animal rights, and to consult with true subject matter experts on this issue before you vote to approve ordinance language that will impact a large sector of your constituents. Following the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ordinance as the city attorney was directed to do would effectively ban all animal exhibitions including dog shows, horse shows, 4H and FFA projects in the city. The banning of the equipment listed would also effectively ban rodeo and other animal exhibition forms from Los Angeles. This in turn would create an economic void for event vendors, exhibitors, competitors, and the community and set a dangerous precedent. Thank you for your consideration of my comment, Kady

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Name: Susan Gamble

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 03:30 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This comment is in opposition of the proposal to ban rodeos. Rodeos are widely diverse events and the individuals running the majority treat their animals with the utmost respect. Also rodeos in Los Angeles expose children to animals that they might otherwise have not exposure to living in the city.

Communication from Public

Name: Bill Jackson

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 03:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: In rodeo and equestrian events there are already rules in place to protect the animals. We love and respect them. Aside from this we need to protect our economy. If this measure passes many jobs will be lost. Please reject this radical notion that we harm the animals that we love!!!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 03:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We already have humane rules in place for animals. Do not add rules that there is no education behind. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Lefarth

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 03:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have run an Animal rescue for over twenty years. Our specialty is equines and farm animals. In my professional experience, rodeos take very good care of their stock as do the vast majority of carriage drivers and persons who show various livestock. Banning people from exposing future generations of young people to animals and their care will result in more neglect and abuse in the long run. The public needs MORE exposure not less to animals. Let's work on expanding access not restricting it so that the next generation of owners and handlers can be respectful of the privileges of animal ownership.

Communication from Public

Name: john carson

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Unfortunately this motion is based on a lot of misinformation and misunderstanding by all the council members who voted for it. It is based on very inaccurate and false information from radical so-called animal rights groups whose ultimate goal is to do away with animal production in general. Believe me your household pets are next to eventually be outlawed. Some groups have even used terrorist type activities in their protest efforts. Eliminating animal events would have negative multi million dollar impacts on many of your communities. I suggest you get more facts and actually visit with animal event producers to see first hand how misinformed and misguided you are. Most things mentioned in the motion aren't even close to accurate or correct - too many to mention.

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Gerfen

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles City Council Members, The ultimate goal of animal extremism is to end animals in human care. Animal extremists believe animal ownership is akin to slavery and therefore abuse. This is the ideology of Last Chance for Animals and other similar groups. Rodeo is an easy target for animal extremist groups because it is often misunderstood, including the events, how animals are cared for and the equipment. It is important when making decisions that culturally impact a great many constituents that true subject matter experts are consulted, not ideologues who view any animal exhibition as abusive. The truth is rodeo animals are highly valued and the stock contractors who own them make their living with them. The equipment used and training methods employed with rodeo animals and animals that are used in other exhibitions are designed for training and communication, not for abuse. Simply put, livestock used in rodeos receive excellent care from their owners and their welfare is at top of mind in everything that is done with them because it is both the right thing to do, and their livelihood depends on happy, healthy animals. Bucking bulls sell for hundreds of thousands of dollars. Last week at a rope horse sale in Wickenburg, Arizona horses sold for tens of thousand of dollars, numerous in the six figures with the high seller at \$250,000. Common sense helps to illustrate that people do not invest significant resources into animals if they do not care greatly for them. Rodeo and rodeo like events are more than an important historical reference to the West. Rodeo and rodeo like events have a deep cultural history in Los Angeles and Southern California and go beyond the stereotypical view the inexperienced have of cowboys and rodeo today. Its history in California starts with the days of the Missions and the Vaqueros. In addition to deep cultural roots for Latinos, competing in rodeos is also a significant part of the history and culture in the African and Native American communities of the West. According to an article in DailyJStor.com, "A quarter or more of the cowboys during the era of the great round-ups and drives were African American, Mexican, or Native American.", and "Spanish colonizers, building on equestrian knowledge introduced to the Iberian Peninsula by North Africans, brought mounted herding to the New World. The Spanish even introduced their own form of rodeo—charreadas—to Texas and California". On the Last

Chance for Animals website the group boasted about the restrictions on equipment and made it clear they knew the loss of common animal husbandry practices with livestock would create a defacto end to animal exhibitions. The Motion the City Council sent forth to the City Attorney also included instructions to base new ordinance language off of language used in the City of Pittsburgh. This language is vague, over reaching and would essentially restrict all animal exhibitions, including horse shows, dog shows, 4H and FFA projects etc. Therefore, I am asking the City Council to please reconsider the decision to create an ordinance that would essentially ban rodeo and animal exhibitions. As a part of the reconsideration, please take a look at the language requested, the motives behind the groups who provided the council with information about rodeo and rodeo like events, also consider the fact that rodeo stock are well cared for and not subject to abuse, and reflect on the historical and cultural impact of such a decision. A decision too, which was made in the absence of conferring with true subject matter experts and cultural leaders. Resepectfully submitted, Karen Gerfen Past Resident of the City of Los Angeles and Southern California

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Name: Homer
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:15 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: We support rodeo and want to keep rodeo!

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Name: Sharon

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support the rodeo community and do not cancel rodeo events. Animals in rodeo are taken extraordinary care off. They are loved and treated like family members. It's a loud minority that know nothing about the sport or care of rodeo animals that making false claims about the treatment of the animals.

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm against the banning of rodeos anywhere in California!!!@

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Name: Shane

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a completely ridiculous. PLEASE PLEASE let common sense prevail!!!! VOTE THIS OUT! PLEASE VOTE NO!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Rodgers

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Do not cancel rodeo in your area. Rodeo animals are taking extraordinary care of for this sport. Those who wish to prevent rodeo from taking place are making false accusations regarding treatment of animals. Please keep rodeo!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:24 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance should be denied. All rodeo animals including horses, bull, and all cattle. Have a good life they are fed very well they all have excellent health care. Their are almost no injuries to rodeo and show animals. As with people and all animals wild and domestic accidents do happen, show animals have access to veterinary health care. These animals are not abused they are well cared for. Do not hurt these animals by passing irresponsible city, state or national laws that would make them useless and neglected.

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Comments for Public Posting: The people who own and compete with rodeo animals do not abuse them. The amount of time and money that is invested into the health and well being of the animals is exponential. And unless you participate in the day to day care for these animals, you would have no idea. The number of animal injuries that happen in rodeo are far less than the amount of injuries that happen in football, basketball, baseball, or any other sport.

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Name: Tim Goodbar

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please dont ban rodeos. It is our history and heritage. Thank you

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Name: Janet Yanez

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support rodeo and the equine industry. Rodeo and competitors take very good care of there stock. And it preserves our western heritage. It will have a negative financial impact.

Communication from Public

Name: Greg Highsmith
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:32 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass any anti rodeo ordinances. Rodeo animals are the most well cared for animals in the world. Thank you for your consideration.

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Name: Jerry Palm

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I wish that you would honestly check information regarding the danger to animals in rodeo events and when you do you will find that they are humanely treated and their safety is constantly being monitored therefore an order banning rodeo from your community would hurt a great number of people and businesses related to such thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff Roth

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Leave the cowboys alone! The animal activist obviously have not thought this through. The cowboys, ranchers and farmer are the ones that take care of these animals and give the animals a better life. Their care and handling of the animals is done from years of training and understanding. Without the cowboys, ranchers and farmers how many of these animals would be around and be cared for properly? And address the trickle down effect of shutting down this life style! Veteranarians, handlers, feed, medicine, boarding properties, trucks, trailers, equipment, hats, boots, jeans, etc..... The liberals need to mind their own business!!!!!!!!!! This life style has been around for hundreds of years, these people love their animals and if they don't raise and take care of these animals how will? What's wrong with you people?

Communication from Public

Name: Lb

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Now trying to cancel western heritage is unacceptable. The ignorant people submitting should be focusing on passing laws that are a real threat to society. Border control, human trafficking and an opioid epidemic should be the focus.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo takes very good care of the animals and livestock. The PRCA has many rules in place to protect animals and the humane treatment of livestock. Please don't enforce this ban, rodeo is a way of life that needs to be protected.

Communication from Public

Name: Feed stephens

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to comment on a proposed ban on the issue of banning the use of animals(horses, cattle and related items) in the city of L.A. The safety and well being for rodeo and western life styles is of the utmost concern to ever owned of them. The safety record is outstanding on taking care of these animals.I feel it would be outrageous for a vote on such an ordinance. As I understand it this has been pushed by groups no even based on California. This has been a family oriented life style for years. The economic impact would also be I would think to all invoked would be a hardship on more than just livestock owner's. I also believe there are more pro's than con's on such an ordinance. The people are some of the most that believe in family and doing things right in there lives than any group I know of.please don't let this move forward. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Deb Atchley

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 05:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo and Equine industry have continued to strive to provide excellence in animal welfare. The record of 99.9% animal safety record for 4-year time period exemplifies the dedication to providing safe ground, facilities, events and overall animal safety issues for animal athletes. California horse and rodeo events span over 100 year history. This industry has grown in reputation and number of fans. Shame on the uninformed radical left for spoiling a special way of life. Animals are not harmed... they are doing what their DNA built them to do These events have added to a robust western lifestyle and positive economic impact to the communities that celebrate. Please do not let the ill informed and radical take away from our western American heritage. Take a moment and look carefully into the eye of a well-cared for animal athlete and you will see the heart and desire of excellence.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 05:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I honestly can not believe this is even up for consideration... Animals are an important part of many peoples lives... Western events where animals are showcased because they are amazing creatures... They are so very well taken care of and the animals absolutely enjoy their jobs... you as Californians need to re-evaluate this because it is not in the best interest for your state.

Communication from Public

Name: Ross Conlin

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 05:27 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not consider this . No one is hurting any animals. Think about people wanting pets, horses in parades. This i is s just not a good idea. Please do not pass thus ordinance

Communication from Public

Name: Brenda Crowder

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 05:32 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider your plan to ban any activities that include animals ... rodeos, parades, cutting horse competitions, etc! If you will check the FACTS, you will find that less than 1% of ALL animals used in these activities have any kind of injuries. If these activities are banned, not only will it affect the activity, but will put thousands (if not millions!) of people out of work - from the ticket takers to the concessions workers to the janitors!

Communication from Public

Name: Christy Finley

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 05:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am against banning rodeo. Animals are well taken care of. If it wasn't rodeo, most of these animals would be used for dog food.

Communication from Public

Name: Rickee Eddleman

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 05:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Every effort is made to insure that rodeo animals are cared for. Should one take the time to "look behind the chutes", you will find a veterinarian on-site (just as one will find medical personnel for contestants). Meticulous details go into making sure no animal is mistreated. Uninformed individuals who have no in-depth knowledge of rodeo should do a little more homework before they start presuming the animals are mistreated - rather they should delve further into the dubious pet industry. Take away our country's Western Heritage and you start whittling away at our country's identity.

Communication from Public

Name: Terry Hall

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 06:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: In regards to the new legislation introduced by the City Council to ban rodeo events: May the spirit of Rodeo Carry on in this Great Country. American rodeo plays an important part in connecting the different parts of our diversified culture. There seems to be a growing divide amongst the people of the United States. You have hard working city people and then you have the hard working people of rural America. They are basically all good people but they need to understand what each side is going through. Rodeo can be looked at as an educational tool that demonstrates what the ranch life is about. It especially teaches the people in large cities that haven't got to experience and appreciate the work and skills of the people that grow and harvest the food for people and the animals that we love. Ranching is a hard life but at the same time it is a rewarding life and rodeo exemplifies this life. Rodeo has become part of the rugged fabric that holds our country together. Think of this country as a puzzle. Each piece represents a cultural identity. When one or more pieces are removed from the puzzle, you have destroyed it. Take away rodeo and our country will only become more divided. Let's keep rodeo and this will help America stay united and strong. God bless Rodeo and God bless America.

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 06:18 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote against stopping equestrian events in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Ronald Jennings
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 06:36 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is apart of our hip. It doesn't hurt or harm animals. There has been plenty of studies.

Communication from Public

Name: Dawn Wright

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 06:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I'm for Rodeo. Rodeo brings lots of money into the community

Communication from Public

Name: Trenten Montero

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 06:54 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is an important part of American tradition and an important part of our economy. After the past year, businesses need the economic boom that rodeos bring to the community. Livestock owners are also reliant on rodeo events in order to pay for feed for their animals. If stock owners can no longer afford feed, they will be forced to sell their animals to killer plants; there will be no other options. There are many rules and regulations put in place by rodeo associations that prevent the mistreatment of animals. These animals are also very valuable to the stock owners, which means they are given the best treatment possible. Please allow these amazing animals to continue to be a part of American tradition and American life. Keep rodeo alive in L.A.

Communication from Public

Name: LaVerne Jones

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 06:58 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please: Please vote against ordinance 20-1575. The information is incorrect. Rodeo is NOT animal abuse! It is a FAMILY event. The animals are a valued part of it. Cruel treatment of the animals would ruin it for the contestants. The animals have to be well cared for as they are a valued part of the sport. Ask and inform yourselves! This sport is part of our history! As a dedicated contestant I love my horses. They get the best of everything!!! Please don't be fooled by people that don't know our sport. Vote against!! Thank you Sincerely , Gold card member of the Women's Pro Rodeo assoc

Communication from Public

Name: Terry

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 07:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo as well as other equine events are carefully monitored by contractors and contestants. Taking care of the animals is a priority in order to have these events. Plus they are invaluable family sports We need rodeo!

Communication from Public

Name: Katherine Solari

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 07:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo animals are very well-taken care of! They re often the owners livelihood, and those owners make sure they are well fed, watered and not overworked. They "work" for 8 seconds a night, the flank straps cause no pain. Leave this traditional American sport alone, and all animal sports alone.

Communication from Public

Name: Faye Pribble

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 11:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Complaints arise daily about disadvantaged children in urban environments, and now people want to deny yet another life experience by banning rodeo in Los Angeles? Accusations that animals are abused or mistreated in rodeos are patently false or misconstrued. These are not wild animals, they are carefully selected, bred and raised for their unique talents. They are very expensive including bucking stock, roping and barrel race horses that are not only especially bred for their purpose, but painstakingly trained and maintained. To suggest these valuable animals would be mistreated is illogical. Flank straps on bucking stock are cues to buck. In standby corrals, bulls are not agitated, they do not fight one another or their handlers. Horses, including stallions, stand together without aggression until they are cued to do their jobs. They are not trained, but rather conditioned, like Pavlov's Dog. The complaint that calves are sometimes injured and sent to slaughter is nullified by silence about absolutely healthy cattle becoming rib steaks and roasts for their dining pleasure. Who among these complainants has ever actually used or experienced an electric prod? Use it through a real leather shoe (hide of a dead cow). It's not the same as bare human skin. If spurs were actually sharpened as argued, the animals would obviously bleed during their 8-second workout in the arena. They don't. Rodeo participants are not highly paid athletes like basketball, football, soccer and others. They pay a fee to compete. They provide their own transportation and insurance or pay their own medical expenses. The events have evolved from actual ranch work where cowboys roped cattle requiring medication or doctoring on the open range. Even those animals were not mistreated; they were valuable to the rancher who had, like rodeo stock producers, carefully bred and raised them. To ban rodeo, even in the confines of a city like Los Angeles, is an exercise in counter production when one considers the financial gain that accrues when the rodeo comes to town. Facilities are rented, restaurants, vendors, hotels/motels prosper. And again, consider the kids who might not otherwise have an opportunity to see animals larger than cats and dogs, to see their abilities when properly handled, to experience even a tiny bit of the Old West they've seen only in movies, to experience something other than the mayhem and violence of their video games. Consider that.

Communication from Public

Name: Mitchell Jackson

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 11:38 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles City Council Members: Thank you for taking the time to read our public comment. I am a longtime Los Angeles taxpayer. I am writing to you in regards to the ordinance language you requested the Los Angeles City Attorney to write which pertains to rodeos and rodeo type events. The items listed in the motion for ordinance language (electric cattle prods, sharpened spurs, wire tie-downs, and flank straps) when and if they are used in a rodeo, are carefully regulated and monitored by industry professionals. The initial action to have this ordinance written by the city attorney was presented and urged by animal rights activists, who are against all animal use. These extremists are working to ban all animal ownership including pets and animal agriculture, and this is just another step of incrementalism in their plan. These groups use emotional rhetoric to manipulate public opinion. They purposefully ignore facts and current animal welfare standards. If there are concerns about rodeo and rodeo-type events consultations should be conducted with actual experts in rodeo, animal welfare, and from independent large-animal veterinarians and then strongly considered. I urge you to take into account the track record of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). The PRCA has had animal welfare rules in place since 1947 and currently have over 70 rules protecting the livestock used in currently sanctioned rodeos. The PRCA has also had a 99.9% safety rating for the past 4 years. I am asking the Los Angeles City Council to look at this issue from the side of animal welfare, not the ideology of animal rights. I urge you to consult with true subject matter experts on this issue before you vote to approve ordinance language that will impact a large sector of your constituents. Following the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ordinance as the city attorney was directed to do would effectively ban all animal exhibitions including dog shows, horse shows, 4H and FFA projects in the city. The banning of the equipment listed would also effectively ban rodeo and other animal exhibition forms from Los Angeles. This in turn would create an economic void for event vendors, exhibitors, competitors, and the community and set a dangerous precedent. Thank you for your time,

Communication from Public

Name: Johnny Zamrzla
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 11:40 AM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am the President of The Showdown Rodeo and California Circuit Finals Rodeo in Lancaster, California, in the County of Los Angeles. I am disappointed in your decision on February 23 that directed the City Attorney to write an ordinance effectively end our ability to bring rodeo events to the City of Los Angeles by banning the use of electric prods, flank straps and spurs. This decision is devastating to the thousands of employees and businesses that benefit from rodeo, professional bull riding and similar events that take place at the Staples Center. Professional Rodeo and Bull Riding has an exemplary safety record. The stock contractors, competitors and everyone involved in the sport take the utmost care in protecting the health and safety of their livestock. To make claims that these animals would be intentionally injure is ludicrous. PRCA diligently tracks the sport's animal welfare standards. PRCA sanctioned rodeos must also follow stringent animal welfare guidelines written and evaluated annually by a number of experts including rodeo veterinarians. I believe this vote was made without the actual facts and was based on misinformation provided by a small group of activists. I request that you reconsider your vote and reach out to Scott Dorenkamp, Director of Animal Welfare with the PRCA or any of our approx. 40 rodeo committees in California who are the real experts regarding professional rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name: Marilyn Shepherd
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 11:50 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Your track record with homeless humans really sucks, why not worry about them instead of animals?

Communication from Public

Name: Don Scott

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 12:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council Members: Animal cruelty is not entertainment, and as we as a society increasingly realize this and move to implement animal-protective measures as this critical one being considered today, we are creating a more moral, just, and compassionate society—for animals and humans. We know that rodeos are cruel and abusive. We know the animals didn't sign up for this mistreatment that regularly involves heinous devices such as electric cattle prods, sharpened spurs, wire tie-downs, and other tools to inflict pain. These animals only have humans—not those who exploit and profit off cruelty, but those who respect the lives of sentient beings—to humanely chart their course. This cruel dominion that perpetuates oppression and cruelty must end. We—not those within this exploitative, abusive industry—must be their voice. I strongly encourage passage of this ordinance.
Sincerely, Don Scott

Communication from Public

Name: Joan Martindale
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 12:14 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Passing an ordinance banning all animal exhibitions from your City is insane. You need to be very careful what you do here. Rodeo, 4-H and animal shows are very important to the American Lifestyle. Children learn many valuable lessons from working with animals and competing with them. Do not pass an ordinance killing the American Way. Sincerely, A concerned business person and American Citizen Joan Martindale

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 12:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Hello. While I do not reside in California, as an equestrian, our industry is heavily influenced by California and what happens in California is looked to as a precedence of sorts, and I, therefore, take the actions of the largest city in the US very seriously. Supporting this ordinance would be the first of a series of dominos that would fall in favor of animal extremists and against animal lovers. This would be the start of ending horse shows and other livestock exhibitions and, potentially go as far as ending animal ownership, all of which is a terrible tragedy. Not only would a huge hole come to be in the economy, but hearts everywhere would be broken. While human beings are not perfect (there are always the occasional bad apples in any industry) those of us who own animals, love our animals with all our hearts and police our own when we someone behaving poorly. Shutting down a whole industry because of a few is not the way to handle any perceived problems. I urge you to not pass this ordinance due to the long-range, downstream effects such a decision would have on the livestock industry.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeff Crotty

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 12:15 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass the "Pittsburgh Ordinance". Animals used in rodeos and such receive the best training, care and veterinary assistance. To restrict these events is foolhardy and not based on legitimate facts and studies. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Bruce Livengood

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 12:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Men living, training, working, bonding, and interacting with animals was the beginning of civilization. It is not abuse in any form and is beautiful to watch the cooperation of man and animal. The bond is obvious when you watch a 4H or FFA participant show their animal in competition. People that have detached themselves from animal interaction should not decide what animals feel or what is in their best interest. Let the people who care about animals, work with animals, and enjoy watching animals perform decide how best to care for the animals they love and admire.

Communication from Public

Name: Rob Appleby

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 12:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: You people cannot regulate every Avenue of society especially the performance and exhibition of livestock events and rodeos these animals are given the utmost care and value they are athletes in their own realm and no government has the right to encroach on time honored tradition and part of American heritage.

Communication from Public

Name: Theresa McMahan

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 12:26 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

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Communication from Public

Name: Jared Callister
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 12:31 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Do not ban rodeos!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Craig

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 12:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I have been a life long animal owner. I can tell you with certainty that while there are people who abuse and neglect animals the vast majority if people love and care for their animals as they do family members. Owners of rodeos, circuses and zoos also do. Its how they make their living and I can also tell you that it us a fact that animals like to have a job. Horses like to go for rides, dogs like to hunt and compete in all manner of contests from shows to diving. As far as rodeos are concerned, those animals literally work for 8 seconds at a time. They are not harmed and are treated well. The small number of owners that are abusing animals are already breaking existing laws. Enforce them. I have a family by me that starves their horses. ive called the humane society 3 years in a row and because they have a couple of round bales of moldy hay they say the have food and there is nothing they can do. The animals are nothing more than skeltons in the spring. Fix that kind of problem dont take the rights of good and caring animal owners away. Linda Craig

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 12:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: In a age of cancel culture, The city of Los Angeles would be disrespecting the history in which LA as prospered of of for many years. The first National Finals Rodeo was held in Los Angeles, the motion picture business prospered off of the Cowboy in Western movies and help build an industry to create jobs . The sport of rodeo and the Western Lifestyles shared by many who have values and care about livestock and the Ag industry. They have had pride in tradition and heritage and love for their animals. The economic impact of rodeo, horse shows, all equine related events and bull riding events boos sales tax, tourism, property tax, putting people to work and most importantly... caring on a tradition for the western way of life. Not everyone wants to be a movie star, or being an executive of a record company or a politician.,.... some prefer the western lifestyle and protecting its history and promoting a way of life! I've been involved in rodeo, livestock, ranching horse shows and help educate our future people in this way of life. Our sport has many, many rules for the humane treatment towards our livestock, rodeo judges, officials, and committee that adhere to these regulations and rules to protect our livestock. I'll close for now with a statement ... With the price of land the price of doing business the cost of the livestock to put on an event not to mention a contestant and his talents and expenses trucks, trailers, the cost of livestock...Don't you think that he/she would be abiding by the rules to ensure the safety of the livestock??? The contestants themselves have respect for the livestock they compete against. They would be a fool to mistreat the rodeo livestock and jeopardize our sport and their livelihood. Please reconsider your actions and how it would effect not only a great sport but a tradition, so many traditions have been lost in our lifetime..... let's keep this tradition that's apart of the history of our state. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.
Ted Dwyer

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Fisher

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 12:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This comment is pertaining to the right to practice an ancient way of life and a fair and well practiced chore. It is relevant to the culture that is still practicing methods shown in the current rodeos of today. I am writing in regards to the ordinance which pertains to rodeos and rodeo type events. The items listed in the motion for ordinance language (electric cattle prods, sharpened spurs, wire tie-downs, and flank straps) when and if they are used in a rodeo, are carefully regulated and monitored by industry professionals. This part of history will not be stopped no matter what you decide. Thanks for your time and best to you, Sue

Communication from Public

Name: Keith Ryan Cartwright

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 01:07 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Open letter concerning the Los Angeles City Council and a potential ordinance impacting the future of rodeo and western-themed events: The latest effort by Los Angeles City Council members Bob Blumenfield (Dist. 3) and Mitch O'Farrell (Dist. 13) is yet another example of why — at a bare minimum — elected officials should be able to pass a basic civics quiz when it comes to the city, county, state or region and the constituency they represent. In asking Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer to draft an ordinance that would ultimately ban rodeo and other western-themed sports involving animals from happening in Los Angeles, the council is turning its back on the deeply rich tradition of agriculture, farming and ranching that brought some of the first settlers to Southern California. The customs and time-honored traditions of rodeo are a celebration of that early-American lifestyle. More importantly, the vague language being bandied about by council members not only impacts rodeos along with all styles of horse — including Olympic equestrian disciplines like dressage, eventing and jumping — and dog shows, but also the future of 4-H and FFA projects and the dozens of riding stables that have been scattered throughout every Los Angeles neighborhood going back 50 and 60 years, and in some cases more than 70 years. Unfortunately, we have become a nation so enamored with all of the tomorrows to come that we fail to recognize how the history and the lessons learned from all our yesterdays can inform those tomorrows. It is often said today's youth are unfamiliar with history. Well, Blumenfield, O'Farrell and their fellow council members — Gil Cedillo, Paul Krekorian, Nithya Raman, Paul Kortez, Nury Martinez, Monica Rodriguez, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Curren D. Price, Mark Ridley-Thomas, Mike Bonin, John Lee, Kevin de Leon and Joe Buscaino — prove that even our elders — those who should know better — have failed to see the importance of history, social studies and civics. It is unconscionable for any elected official — local, state or national — to push for such broad, sweeping ordinances or legislation without engaging in their own due diligence. Instead, the current members of the Los Angeles City Council — some of whom have a documented history of aligning with animal rights organizations — relied on the rhetoric and falsehoods perpetuated by those controversial groups and their

extreme, often sensationalistic, ideology. Right now, it is time to let our collective voices be heard as a united front when it comes to sharing truth to power. Much like we have done when it comes to educating the public with regard to traditions, animal behavior and, more importantly, animal welfare, we need to present that knowledge, firsthand experiences and objective research to lawmakers not only in Los Angeles and throughout the State of California, but from coast to coast. Today the issue is in the City of Los Angeles, but, if we silently wait to see what happens, tomorrow it will be Los Angeles County and before long other misguided cities will soon follow. As a result, I and non-profit organizations like Protect the Harvest and Western Justice are encouraging supporters to sign the following petition from West: <https://www.change.org/SaveRodeoinLA> It is simple, click the link and then share your full name and email address. Speaking of email addresses, if you are so inclined, please, share your thoughts and personal experiences with each and every one of the council members, who voted unanimously for the city attorney draft the previously mentioned ordinance. Gil Cedillo: Gilbert.Cedillo@lacity.org Paul Krekorian: councilmember.Krekorian@lacity.org Bob Blumenfield: councilmember.Blumenfield@lacity.org Nithya Raman: contactCD4@lacity.org Paul Kortez: Paul.Kortez@lacity.org Nury Martinez: councilmember.martinez@lacity.org Monica Rodriguez: councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org Marqueece Harris-Dawson: councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org Curren D. Price: councilmember.price@lacity.org Mark Ridley-Thomas: councilmember.ridley-thomas@lacity.org Mike Bonin: councilmember.bonin@lacity.org John Lee: councilmember.lee@lacity.org Mitch O'Farrell: councilmember.ofarrell@lacity.org Kevin de Leon: councilmember.kevindeleon@lacity.org Joe Buscaino: councilmember.buscaino@lacity.org For more information, please visit <https://ProtectTheHarvest.com> and www.westernjustice.info. With Regards, Keith Ryan Cartwright author, *Black Cowboys of Rodeo: Unsung Heroes from Harlem to Hollywood and the American West* (Nebraska Press, Nov. 2021); formerly Editorial Director and Senior Writer for PBR

Communication from Public

Name: Carmen Hughey-Deichman

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 01:15 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This is absolutely ridiculous. Most animals at Rodeo Events are animals that have been rescued from bad situations. They are treated very very well. I am very disappointed that this is even being brought up.

Communication from Public

Name: Tina Estes

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 01:27 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to this ordinance. Rodeos are a part of our western heritage and they foster opportunities for people to develop strong family values and responsible animal husbandry.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Hoskins

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 01:35 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: There is a huge difference between "animal rights" and "animal welfare". Livestock and animals participating in sporting events are some of the most cared for creatures on this planet. Rodeo, County Fairs and other such events provide the public and upcoming youth to be educated on the importance of animals in our lives. There are lessons learned in 4H that are lifelong and contribute to the well being of animals. These activities must be protected. These animals that are part of these activities are given great care and purpose. It is not just an industry or a business. It is a way of life. Animals and humans can co-exist in a way that benefits both. And it has for centuries.

Communication from Public

Name: Sherri Wagerman

Date Submitted: 03/10/2021 07:21 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The sport of rodeo is a time honored tradition in this country. Rodeo participants support and help each other in ways I have never seen in any other sport. The animals are respected and careful cared for. I know this because I and my family were involved in rodeo for many years. The livestock are well fed and live a good life. Rodeo people respect each other and our country in a way most people don't understand. Please allow rodeo to continue in your area.

Communication from Public

Name: Melissa Dassinger

Date Submitted: 03/10/2021 08:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This measure is not only unconditional but un_necessary. Please vote NO on 20-1575 and protect the rights of animal owners and our American way of life.

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Trembly
Date Submitted: 03/10/2021 10:11 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT VOTE FOR banning rodeos and horse shows in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Wilhelm

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 02:37 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support rodeo and livestock education through animal husbandry. I would like to take a moment to ask that the proposed ban on rodeo events not be supported as an overall & complete ban on rodeo & animal exhibitions. So often people in urban areas, children in particular, have no opportunity to experience first hand these wonderful animals to develop an appreciation for them. Children who are allowed to develop connections with animals become more compassionate & caring of all life, it would be a disservice to deny them the opportunity to do so. Rodeo & animal exhibitions carry a responsibility of proper, humane treatment of the animals in their care. As such it should be expected high quality veterinary caretakers, proper feed, housing & transportation be provided. Animal care professionals within the industry could easily be consulted to ensure companies in the business of providing animals for these events care for them to these high standards & at that time if found lacking in proper reasonable care should be individually addressed. Rodeos in particular already have in place rules & guidelines for proper treatment of the animals & severe penalties against those who do not adhere to them. Banning these events entirely will close the only opportunity for many to see for themselves how to respect animals, how to work with animals & how important & beautiful the bond between human & animals can be.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:34 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I do not support this ban on rodeos or rodeo-like events.

Communication from Public

Name: Tammy Phillips
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:50 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't allow activists to close down rodeos, shows and dictate ownership. These animals have far better lives then the activists are leading uninformed people to believe. Shutting things down would leave thousands without jobs, including the animals.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 05:03 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: It is well documented that children who are allowed to develop connections with animals become more compassionate & caring of all life, it would be a disservice to deny them the opportunity to do so. Rodeo & animal exhibitions carry a responsibility of proper, humane treatment of the animals in their care. As such it should be expected high quality veterinary caretakers, proper feed, housing & transportation be provided. Animal care professionals within the industry could easily be consulted to ensure companies in the business of providing animals for these events care for them to these high standards & at that time if found lacking in proper reasonable care should be individually addressed. Rodeos in particular already have in place rules & guidelines for proper treatment of the animals & severe penalties against those who do not adhere to them. Banning these events entirely will close the only opportunity for many to see for themselves how to respect animals, how to work with animals & how important & beautiful the bond between human & animals can be.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 05:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please oppose this ban on rodeo and rodeo like events. Rodeo is apart of the fabric of the western United States and California. The world of rodeo is ingrained in the western lifestyle and if this is passed it will put Los Angeles in a very negative position by not allowing the western life style to be evident within its boundaries.

Communication from Public

Name: Beverly Schulz

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 05:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Stop trying to take our rights as animal owners away. You do not know what you are talking about.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeannetta Myers

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 06:07 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Thank You for this ability to voice my opinion on rodeo's in LA County. We need rodeo's. They encourage kids to learn to care for animals. The children involved with rodeo's learn responsibility and commitment to their sport. The industry supports many types of workers and brings revenue into the county which is needed to support our schools and much more. Please do not let a few radical animal extremists control your vote. We all know that their true agenda, which is to exterminate all animals.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 06:29 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am against this ordinance and ask the City council to consult experts in the rodeo industry before voting.

Communication from Public

Name: Connie Holtz

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 06:36 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I ask that you not stop rodeos. There is no animal cruelty. These animals are well cared for and the bucking stock are bred and born for it. The animal rights activists are not out caring for animals in blizzards, hauling hay to them, standing watch during calving season to protect them from coyotes and wolves. I suspect many of them eat meat. I would like to see common sense prevail

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 07:10 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Years ago and still today, the Los Angeles area was used for farming and ranching. Among that comes the heritage of raising livestock. As part of that role of raising livestock comes animal husbandry; yes, cattle were given rule of the land to move and wander as they pleased. However, sickness and injury are not absent from even the best programs. Raising livestock is more than the pasture they graze in, but taking care of them. How else can one catch a sick or injured cow in pasture? They don't always come when called. People have to have a way to catch and restrain these animals. Rodeo events are founded off these very actions. Trains our upcoming cowboys and cowgirls how to effectively catch and restrain an animal. They use the most humane methods available to catch what would be a roaming or upset cow. Have a cow with a gash in the field/something in their foot/substantial injury/down cow, etc. they have to work in the field and the cow isn't always cooperating. Rodeo is more than tradition, it is training to be the next rancher to love and care for and raise happy and healthy cattle.

Communication from Public

Name: Diane Pilant

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 07:12 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are part of this nations western heritage. They provide a living for many. Dont distroy the American western way of life.

Communication from Public

Name: Whitney Campbell
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 07:49 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: This is a comment stating I am against this ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Debra Woods

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:07 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I respectfully request that you do not move forward to ban Rodeo events! It is not the terrible thing that it is being portrayed as! Please do not ban these events! Debra A. woods

Communication from Public

Name: Dick Ciampa

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:11 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am against the banning of rodeos anywhere in the country. Because someone says something is inhumane doesn't make it so. Just about everyone in America is against the inhumane treatment of animals, but banning the rodeo is a radical way of solving a perceived problem. If there is something in the laws or rules and regulations that can be strengthened then that is what should happen. Many of these organizations that want to ban rodeos, like the HSUS, are not only against rodeos, they are against any kind of animal agriculture be it horses, pigs, chickens or dogs. If you research ALF, Animal Liberation Front, and google 2003 Animal Rights Conference speakers, you can pick any year, you will see a list of speakers that are a who's who of radical animal rights activities. Just google any of the names like Rodney Coronado, Peter Singer and if John Goodwin, from CAFT, isn't on the 2003 list he is on many of them as is Kevin Jonnas of the Shac 7 and the list goes on and on. The mission of ALF is to make everyone vegan. There is nothing wrong with being vegan if that is what you want to do, but no one should try and force their ideology on the whole country. Advocacy by extinction is not a solution.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:18 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't outlaw Rodeo!

Communication from Public

Name: Tifani Rangel

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:36 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT BAN! These events and activities are equally important to the animals as the people working with them. It is an important relationship that comes from love and respect. Outside eyes who have no interaction in this world should "walk a mile" before passing judgement on what they know not!

Communication from Public

Name: Shana Martinez

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:50 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Stop the ban on rodeos the thing most people don't get is its just not the riders that are the stars its the bulls to the rodeos are a part of history my son loves learning about bulls and cowboys because of rodeos it give children a learning experience and to show them they don't have to be scared of following their dreams there are children that look up to the riders and you want to take that from them its better to want to be around rodeos then have children stuck in their room or on the phone or whatever they are on let the kids be outside and see something amazing

Communication from Public

Name: Wheeler

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 08:54 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: To ban Rodeos in the city of Los Angeles , just doesn't make sense. I am 73 and have gone to rodeos most of my life and have family members who compete. The animals are well cared for and loved, in all the years I have gone, I have never seen animals abused. Those who are pushing for this ban have no idea what really goes on behind the chutes. I suggest you meet some of the owners, see how their animals are cared for, talk to them, get a true understanding of what a Rodeo really is. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Abigail Whitaker

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 09:27 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: "I would like to take a moment to ask that the proposed ban on rodeo events not be supported as an overall & complete ban on rodeo & animal exhibitions. So often people in urban areas, children in particular, have no opportunity to experience first hand these wonderful animals to develop an appreciation for them. Children who are allowed to develop connections with animals become more compassionate & caring of all life, it would be a disservice to deny them the opportunity to do so. Rodeo & animal exhibitions carry a responsibility of proper, humane treatment of the animals in their care. As such it should be expected high quality veterinary caretakers, proper feed, housing & transportation be provided. Animal care professionals within the industry could easily be consulted to ensure companies in the business of providing animals for these events care for them to these high standards & at that time if found lacking in proper reasonable care should be individually addressed. Rodeos in particular already have in place rules & guidelines for proper treatment of the animals & severe penalties against those who do not adhere to them. Banning these events entirely will close the only opportunity for many to see for themselves how to respect animals, how to work with animals & how important & beautiful the bond between human & animals can be."

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn Gallagher

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 09:31 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I applaud your plans to outlaw implements of abuse that rodeos use on the animals that are forced to participate. I hope your city is the first of many to do this. Rodeo is animal abuse for profit and entertainment. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i9BDHkhc6IQ>
Sincerely, Lynn Gallagher

Communication from Public

Name: Protect The Harvest

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 09:36 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles City Council Members: Thank you for taking the time to read our public comment. We are writing to you in regards to the ordinance language you requested the Los Angeles City Attorney to write which pertains to rodeos and rodeo type events. The items listed in the motion for ordinance language (electric cattle prods, sharpened spurs, wire tie-downs, and flank straps) when and if they are used in a rodeo, are carefully regulated and monitored by industry professionals. The initial action to have this ordinance written by the city attorney was presented and urged by animal rights activists, who are against all animal use. These extremists are working to ban all animal ownership including pets and animal agriculture, and this is just another step of incrementalism in their plan. These groups use emotional rhetoric to manipulate public opinion. They purposefully ignore facts and current animal welfare standards. If there are concerns about rodeo and rodeo-type events consultations should be conducted with actual experts in rodeo, animal welfare, and from independent large-animal veterinarians and then strongly considered. We urge you to take into account the track record of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). The PRCA has had animal welfare rules in place since 1947 and currently have over 70 rules protecting the livestock used in currently sanctioned rodeos. The PRCA has also had a 99.9% safety rating for the past 4 years. We at Protect The Harvest, are asking the Los Angeles City Council to look at this issue from the side of animal welfare, not the ideology of animal rights. We urge you to consult with true subject matter experts on this issue before you vote to approve ordinance language that will impact a large sector of your constituents. Following the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ordinance as the city attorney was directed to do would effectively ban all animal exhibitions including dog shows, horse shows, 4H and FFA projects in the city. The banning of the equipment listed would also effectively ban rodeo and other animal exhibition forms from Los Angeles. This in turn would create an economic void for event vendors, exhibitors, competitors, and the community and set a dangerous precedent. Thank you for your time, Protect The Harvest