

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Robinson

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:18 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please stop the ridiculous attack on rodeo events as you know little about the real inside of rodeo, doubting that any of you are connected at all! These animals are the most carefully protected and loved by their owners and I assure you they are never harmed!! Your liberal "erase all history" is at work and spurs and bits, etc., are not damaging -- but bits might help in the mouths of idiots who don't know what they're talking about!! Please do your job and stop cancelling everything YOU object to!

Communication from Public

Name: Dustlyne Beavers

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:20 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in support of keeping rodeos in Los Angeles. The intent behind the ban comes from a good place, but misunderstanding the culture behind rodeos does not call for an outright ban. Like any sport, there is always room to improve on the safety for all participants, animals and humans alike. That is where the focus should be, making the sport better, not banning it. Persons growing up in urban environments may not fully appreciate the time, dedication, practice and love for animals that leads up to a rodeo. One weekend at a rodeo or reading an Op-Ed article against a rodeo does not equal informed. An emotional position does not make someone informed. To be informed, one needs to follow the full life cycle of any of the animals that become a part of a rodeo. They also need to understand the time, money and care that the owners put into their animals. The signatures attached to the rodeo ban do not equal an understanding of the sport, the process or the purpose. There is a rich history and culture rooted in the sport and it is not the same as a circus. Circuses were created to entertain and used exotic animals that were never intended to be domesticated for agriculture use. Rodeo is a SPORT that grew out of the methods cowboys used to herd cattle and manage ranches. The intent of a rodeo is not the same as a bullfight either. Rodeo participants want the animals to live. While the risk of injury to both human and animal is real, in a bad accident, the animal often recovers and the human does not. People opposed to the sport miss the stories behind the rodeo participants. For example, they don't hear about the young teenagers that have stayed out of trouble while they cared for their horses and worked on their family cattle ranches. California still has working cattle ranches that use horses and ropes to manage their cattle. Probably the same cattle that many opposed to the rodeo have purchased their hamburger or steaks from. The sterilized and disconnected perspective is not a good justification for banning a sport. It also takes away opportunities for youth to be exposed to working with animals. How can you appreciate what a horse can do or the full strength of a bull if you have never seen one in real life? The rodeo is another opportunity for exposure to a sport and lifestyle that is different from an urban lifestyle. Don't ban it because people that do not understand it don't like it. Instead, work to make the sport better.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: If you cancel rodeos that's more of a chance for them to go to slaughter. Keep it and there's jobs for those animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Kristin Howland

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:28 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly urge the city council to abandon this ordinance completely. Western sports (rodeo, PBR, etc.) provide a wholesome family-oriented activity that everyone can enjoy. These sports provide a down to earth alternative to high-profile professional sports. I am dismayed that the city council would create barriers that would keep these events from coming to Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Carina

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom it may concern at the City clerk Office: An attempt to ban rodeo in California is completely biased and an act of discrimination. Most animal activists have no education or knowledge of what rodeo actually is. Stock contractors spend hundreds of thousands of dollars investing in their livestock giving them the best care. People's lives and livelihood revolve solely around rodeo. I strongly feel counter lawsuits will be made, there will be a huge upset and this will be a huge discrimination lawsuit. Law enforcement, military, youth, ranchers, farmers, lawyers, doctors, teachers, truck drivers, the list goes on and on with the support and participation the rodeo life has. It is a huge background of our nation. America was built on the American cowboy. It is one of the most patriotic events to remain. This is a huge let down to even be considering this action against rodeo, especially when based on extreme biased, and wrongful opinions. I encourage you to really research and you will see that rodeo is based solely on taking care of animals and that's all their life revolves around. It takes hard work, dedication, long days, night and trips. The best care and medicine and food for these animals and in no means any harm. Giving these animals the most natural humane caring life they could ever possibly have. Unlike large meat corporations! Rodeo is huge in California, Americans are so proud of our heritage. Rodeo has a passion behind it like you would not believe, all across the board! Do not let one extreme group and opinion dictate. Lawsuits will be filed. I strongly encourage proper research and time spent. Only then you will know how much LOVE, care, devotion money and time is put out by so many people surrounding the American Rodeo. Best regards, Sheriff's Rodeo Flag Girl.

Communication from Public

Name: Ruth Nicolaus

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't ban rodeo. Rodeo animals are treated better than a lot of humans. They are loved by the people who own them. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Marcus

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The ban on Rodeo and "rodeo like" events are products of myths, half-truths and lies. The animals are not abused, the reputable stock contractors treat their stock as a member of the family. Please do not vote for this ban.

Communication from Public

Name: Joy

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:58 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a person from California for multiple generations, this is part of my heritage and a ban is being made with a negative bias from individuals that are not involved in the sport or the lifestyle related. If the residents of the county do not support the events, this will equitably make it obsolete in the county as it will not be efficient to offer the events in that county. By making this a legal issue, it is taking rights away from the constituents of the county based on certain individuals opinions.

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Name: Donna Watson

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the City Council I have been an animal advocate and rescuer my entire life which spans many decades. This has included dogs, cats, steers, pigs, sheep, goats, chickens and Peafowl. I do not believe that there is a need to ban Rodeo events in Los Angeles. The events put on the professional organizations put their animals care and well being above all else. I have had the opportunity to be behind the scenes many different years of events such as the Professional Bull Riders - as I am a fan of the Bulls. I can tell you I wish every person with Horses in the Los Angeles area would be able to afford the medical care and preventative medicine as well as therapeutic treatments- such as shock wave etc that the Livestock is afforded before, during and after these events. The livestock works at most 8 seconds, something I am sure horses owned by the general public do not do. There is no logical or compassionate reason for this ban to go into effect.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I was raised on a ranch in WY and I am a huge fan of rodeo and the PBR. I think it is very amusing that a group of people who do not work with livestock, make their living raising them or in rodeo and the PBR seem to think they are experts on the needs of the sport. STOP trying to manage something you know nothing about. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't take away our western heritage! Rodeo is a way of life for some of us. PBR is a part of rodeo. Why do you think rodeo is different than any other SPORT? Please, please leave my heritage be. Many people love to watch rodeo, we love to watch in person. Please don't take our western entertainment away!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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Name: Hamamd alvi
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:07 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Don't Put Ban On Pbr

Communication from Public

Name: Corina Pliske

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:14 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I feel everyone has a right to choose what event they go to. I do not feel that Professional Rodeo should be banned in the City of Los Angeles. You will allow vulgar music and protest but not a sport that has been here for a long time and the animals are better taken care of then a lot of peoples personal pets.

Communication from Public

Name: MARYANN FERRERO

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:23 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: COUNCIL FILE # 20-1575 I OPPOSE THIS BILL. ANIMALS, FARMING, AGRICULTURE ARE A TRADITION AND A WAY OF LIFE FOR SO MANY PEOPLE IN AMERICA. A PERSON WHO DEDICATES HIS OR HER LIFE TO THE PRESERVATION OF THEIR ANIMALS AND HERITAGE ARE WAY MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THEIR HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE THAN PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE OR INSIGHT INTO THE TIME, LOVE, AND CARE INVOLVED.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to oppose the ban since it is based on feelings and not scientific evidence

Communication from Public

Name: Ken Danieli

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:42 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The animals in rodeo like the bulls are pampered and loved. They enjoy great lives. Please listen to reason. Rodeo is a rich American and Latin American tradition!

Communication from Public

Name: Marlissa Gonzalez

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Bucking bulls are bred to buck and not forced to buck. There are no tools that are used to hurt the animals to make them buck. They love their jobs and the owner/breeders love their bulls and livestock. They are cared for and have the best housing and feed that money can buy. All animals that are used in the rodeo or PBR are well taken care of. Those that do not see this have not looked or even cared to take the time. The animals have to be very healthy to be the athletes that they are!

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Name: Ted Stovin

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The bulls are not tortured, shocked, agitated or abused. You can't make a bull buck. They are genetically bred to buck. The language of this ordinance uses the 'flank strap' and 'rowels' to ban bull riding. Activists who claim to be "experts" declare that the flank strap is somehow cruel to the bull. They assert that the flank strap is strapped to the bull's genitals. This could not be further from the truth. The flank strap is a soft cotton rope that encourages a bull to kick. It goes nowhere near the bull's genitalia. Additionally, the rowels on bull riders' spurs are dull and do not harm the animal, who has skin 7x thicker than that of human. The bulls in the PBR are treated like rock stars. They get the best food and care. They compete for 8 or 16 seconds a weekend for a few years. Then go to stud on a beautiful ranch, surrounded by cows to breed, living out a long and happy life like kings. If the LA City Council is full of people who love animals, what they should be doing is eagerly promoting PBR, not trying to ban it.

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Name: Wp
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 10:48 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Save the rodeo

Communication from Public

Name: Callie Peek

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 11:24 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please rethink your ban on rodeo and other equestrian events in Los Angeles. Before voting on this talk to people who are actually involved in these types of events. Meet them & their horses. See the precautions taken to insure the health and well being of all animals involved. Horses were created to work and have jobs. They enjoy working with humans. Before you vote, please hear the other side of the story, not just the activists trying to destroy a lifestyle because they don't agree with it.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 11:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a terrible thing to do to one of America's beloved sports. We invest a lot of money into these animals and love them like they are our family, because they are. We would never do anything to hurt them. This is such a selfish thing to do to one of the sports that built California. I hope you can see this and not ban something so important.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 11:30 AM

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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 thousands 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 de facto 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, overreaching, 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 is 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. Respectfully submitted, An Animal Lover and Welfare Advocate

Communication from Public

Name: Georgianne Levangie

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

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not cancel rodeo and "rodeo-like" events in Los Angeles, especially when based on outdated information. I would urge the city council to do their own research into this matter - the rodeo is one of the most humane of the animal world - the bulls and horses are treated with the utmost respect, as they should be. There is no use of electric prods, etc. Not only that, but deleting this from our culture is a huge mistake - this is an international sport, as you know - riders compete from all over the world, especially the Latin hemisphere. The top rider at the moment is a Black American, Ezekiel Mitchell, who's a super star. If you've ever been to an event, and you should go and see for yourself, you would understand that this sport - not only the toughest sport on the planet - attracts people from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds. I would say that cancelling it may be a real mistake for race relations, given the background of the riders and the fans. Treat yourself and go to a show. You'll see.

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Name: Daniel Hoggatt

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 11:32 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is not a harmful sport to the animals there are no shock methods used or any type of abuse actually. These animals are taken care of very well and live a better life than a lot of humans. Do the proper research and know the facts of the sport before getting rid of it. This would be a huge financial loss for the city and a loss that is very unnecessary.

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Name: A.

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 11:33 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban any rodeos or rodeo "like" events.

Communication from Public

Name: Chelsey

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 11:36 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Save the rodeo! Keep country alive. Farmers are what made this country, it would be a disgrace to terminate this sport. Americans need to stop being wimps. These bulls are not being tortured or abused. These country folks are what keep faith and God alive. Farmers are what built this damn country. Do yourself a favor and actually do your own research of bull riding and everything that goes into it. Better yet, get to know the people who loves this sport. They can show you more humility in their pinky finger than most of us have in our whole body times 10!! Leave the bulls alone for Christs sake

Communication from Public

Name: Sandy Albright

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 11:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this ban. If a in depth study into the sport of rodeo was done, you would find that animals are treated excellent and are considered partners to people. The western way of life is important to our history and the animals are deserving of the highest standards. They get the best of everything they need. If investigations were done other than just the extreme animal activists opinions and false reports, remembering there are always 2 sides to a story, you'd find the truth. Cowboys don't exist without animals and animals don't exist without cowboys. Do not take Rodeo away from the people who love it and live it. Animals in this sport are regarded in the highest manner and the animal stewards that care for them daily give them anything they need often putting themselves and their own needs last. That is how important animals are to cowboys and cowgirls. We'll do anything for them. God gave us animals to cherish and we do that. In turn, they fill our lives with the ability to perform and a partner for lifetime.

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Name: Alicia Sheppard
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 11:41 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Do not kill the sport of Rodeo in Los Angeles!!

Communication from Public

Name: Jan Finn

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 11:49 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Council should soundly and unanimously dismiss this idea forthwith. Education of sports, including regulations and requirements that regulate those sports, should never be ignored. The references made in the proposal are silly at best. Some of the items mentioned are already addressed by the governing association(s) and their own animal welfare requirements as generated by the very people who know the sport and those animals the best. Rodeo has a long and storied history, not to mention cultural ties. Each event is carefully monitored and safety of human and livestock is tantamount. The cowboys and cowgirls who make their living rodeoing will not undertake irresponsible actions that jeopardize the safety and wellbeing of their animals. Nor will stock contractors put their animals at risk. Roughstock work on average about 10 minutes PER YEAR. They're worth tens of thousands of dollars in value, even more. The cowboys, cowgirls, contractors, and association employees each love their sport. It is a passion. They will not cause harm to others in any capacity. Rodeo is founded on love of animals, love of country, love of God. These are people that are standouts and role models for kindness, generosity, and for family. We need these people and this sport to showcase such things. But, in the event the Council has no interest in supporting a sport with those kind of standards, who themselves feel no interest in history and culture tied to rodeo, then consider the financial aspect. Every single event offers something different, but they all combine to be a "rodeo." Which means you have businesses including but not limited to: contract for the facility; which requires electricity, insurance, and employees; ticket sales; increased business to hotels, restaurants, gas stations, services & goods; people purchasing clothing where stores sell retain and pay employees; spectators; rodeo sponsor advertising from Budweiser to Ariat to Wrangler to Stetson and more; and lets not forget the cowboys, cowgirls, and contractors who come to those events. They, too, spend money in those cities. Their traveling companions and employees spend money in those cities. Or the families who choose to design a vacation in your city that includes rodeo and other attractions. It is irresponsible to attempt to eliminate a sporting event that can pay professional purses worth millions of dollars over the top riders' careers. Rodeo can and does give youth

athletic outlets, encourages them to work hard, and can help put them in positions where college scholarships may be available. Rodeo is not a flank strap, or blunt spurs (regulation required). Rodeo is culture, history, sportsmanship, stewardship of animals. Rodeo is a sport that truly creates that level playing field where individuals succeed on their own merits and there's not much more inclusive than that. So, think of the financial loss to your entire local economy you would experience. But, think of the anti-culture, anti-history, anti-sportsmanship, anti-sports figure messaging. Think of those sponsors mentioned and they're only a tiny few, do you want those sponsors to see you are actively against the very sport they sponsor and support? And what about the people who can find a sport to pursue, no matter their color or gender, that lets them succeed without predetermined outcomes. Does your city want to stand against those things? Or, do you want the financial and fiscal rewards rodeo brings? Because, maybe it will be your child or grandchild, or their child who looks at that cowboy or cowgirl and sees the possibilities. A role model worth emulating. A family worth building. Because this, my friends, is not really just about the few myopic items the animal rights activists put out there; this is far, far bigger. You each have the opportunity to do what is right, what is good. What serves your city financially while supporting diversity in many ways. Which message do you want to send? That you support diversity? Or, will you instead show that you are against it? Against livelihoods, traditions, history, and culture? You can only vote to continue promoting and offering the sport of rodeo. Knowing the governing associations do far better than anyone at ensuring the safety and wellbeing of human and animal.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew Koerper

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 12:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Y'all keep trying to cancel the all of us cowboys roots we aren't fragile like y'all we can take a hit and get knocked down unlike y'all who hide in your shell when something you don't like is said or done. Passing this shows y'all are afraid of the guys and girls who aren't afraid of anything who won't let anything stare them down.

Communication from Public

Name: Dawn Babers

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 12:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this ban. We need to allow rodeo and rodeo events in the City of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert R. Mitchell

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 12:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: None of those thing's you describe happen in Professional rodeo or at events such as the PRCA, PBR, or the California rodeo Association (Not sure this is the correct name). You're bill will deny rodeo fans of their ability to go see a rodeo event, you're bill will deny workers at the major arena's in LA of earning a pay check by eliminating these events. Not to mention the participants in earning their living, but also their quest for a World Championship titles. You're also throwing out revenue to the city by eliminating rodeo(s). California has a long history with the western Cowboy, does LA want to be the ones who end it? I really hope you will reconsider this bill and realize it is the wrong thing to do. Maybe the sponsors of the Bill could contact the PRCA, the PBR, ask if they could go to an event, and be allowed to go anywhere at the event, talk with everyone involved, watch for themselves what goes into the production of an event, the animal welfare, the coboys and cowgirls involed, to the stock contractor's, to the executive of these associations, I'm sure they would welcome you. I think if you will go into it with an open mind, and fairly judge these operations with you're own eye's, you will change you're mind, you might become a fan as well! please pull this bill. Rodeos and the PBR are not problems that are facing the City of Los Angeles. Thank You for your time and attention in this matter. Sincerely Robert R. Mitchell, Rodeo and PBR Fan.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 12:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not support this legislature banning rodeo and other livestock related events. This attack on an entire industry is brought on by a group of people that have zero working knowledge of the livestock industry and are driven solely by emotion that without a working knowledge of the industry is baseless emotions when the true facts are that the people in this industry care more for these animals than any of these city dwellers would or could.

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Name: Dawn G
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 12:23 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this ban.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 12:23 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE VOTE NO-AGAINST THIS LA ORDINANCE # 20-1575 THE ANIMAL RIGHTS PEOPLE ARE ATTACKING THE FREEDOM OF AMERICAN LIVESTOCK OWNERS ONCE AGAIN! TIME TO STOP CANCEL CULTURE. PLEASE STOP THIS NOW. THANK YOU!

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Name: Adam Tavares
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 02:13 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Do not ban rodeo. We need it.

Communication from Public

Name: Constance Vandekamp

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 03:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: You cannot let these Animal Righteous, PETA etc..groups come in, and turn our Country into a communist country! All these shows , events keep kids off the streets and off drugs. It teaches them love, respect, responsibility & absolutely no abuse to the Animals.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is truly disturbing. Why on earth are you trying to demolish your state. People are leaving in droves already.

Communication from Public

Name: N.Babcock

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 05:08 AM

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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 considering all of the true facts. Sincerely, N.Babcock

Communication from Public

Name: Trisha Wallace

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 05:41 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing in opposition to the rodeo ban in the City of Los Angeles. Rodeo is a long standing tradition in our state, and this is infringing on people's rights. The animals that are involved in rodeo are some of the most well cared for, loved and treasured animals on the planet. They are a part of people's families. They provide for the livelihood of the rodeo participants, stock contractors, and staff do the rodeos. Since this is the case, the care, safety, and maintenance of these animals is of the utmost importance to all involved. Please allow this treasured and timeless experience to continue in your city.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrea Conetto

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 05:51 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members~ As a lifelong resident of California and urge you to stop this ban on Rodeo events. The rodeo is our history. It displays the strength and courage of our country's cowboys and cowgirls. Without our cowboys and ranchers we wouldn't have food on our tables. The rodeo brings neighbors together to socialize, to support and to learn from one another. The cowboy is important to our country. The rodeo is a way to inspire and create more cowboys and cowgirls. As I watch our dwindling cowboy community, what are we going to do when there are no more? Please consider the livelihoods of all when you begin to take away the very skills needed to run a ranch. A cowboy has to learn how to ride that bronc and stay on so if this happens to him when out the fields tending to his herd he can manage it safely. The cowboy needs to know how to rope a calf, a steer or a heifer to treat it if it becomes sick. Again, please reconsider this ban as it only harms and takes away from our country's heritage.

Communication from Public

Name: Ashley

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am against canceling rodeo events. This is a lifestyle and a job for many people. Livestock is looked after to the best standards. The livestock are even trained for their job.

Communication from Public

Name: Tim Miramontes

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:06 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is a sport just like any other, it should not be band. People of all races participate and watch. There is no logical reason to ban this longtime family event.

Communication from Public

Name: Tenaya

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:10 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are events that support the cowboy community, they do not hurt any animals. This is a long standing tradition for hundreds of years, generations have competed in rodeos. Not only is it an important family event but it brings communities together. I strongly oppose the Rodeo ban.

Communication from Public

Name: Jodie G Noll

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:15 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

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Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:20 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing I support of the rodeo industry. Rodeo animals are treated, raised, fed, and handled with the utmost respect and attention to detail. Most all rodeos have a veterinarian on site of the events to ensure they are healthy. I urge you to vote in support of the rodeo industry.

Communication from Public

Name: Gail

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:35 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are a wholesome event for many families and individuals to attend. I have attended hundreds. The rodeo gives the public a chance to experience what it is like on a ranch. The animals in these events are not harmed in any way and in fact they are well pampered and taken care of. It would be a tragedy to let a few individuals influence such an event that they know nothing about. I urge all of you to let these family friendly event Rodeos continue.

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Trayler

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Walk a mile in my shoes before you judge me, a famous line goes. Rodeo is so much more than what one sees through the TV, or from the stands for those few minutes of viewing. The come one-come all multi generation, standing invitation to any one, no exclusions, to get involved in this entire family centric activity has not changed at all of the generations. I am not aware of what is driving this ban from the inside of City Hall, but whatever it is; from those that live it, we have to say that the basis of your assumptions simply has to be built on the wrong premises, so check your premises, walk in our shoes and see what rodeo really is as a community event, and see beyond what you think it is. To ban our kind of community gatherings for the wrong reasons equates to arbitrarily banning any other community engagement activity such as soccer, museums, baseball, horseshoes, bocce ball, art and craft fairs, and just about any other gathering where the hundreds and thousands of hours of effort culminate into a few minutes of public display and communal repartee. Rodeo stands on equal footing with all of the peer community activities that we engage in for our lives. To falsely declare this otherwise is wrong. This list of growing wrongs in our modern society is already misbalancing societal cohesion, do not add even more to the growing disparities.

Communication from Public

Name: Dan Iness

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:21 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Leave Rodeo as is. Laws are already in place to keep the animals safe. Stop intervening in things you know nothing about. Stop cancel culture now!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Sharon Hackel

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:23 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am generally against these type of rodeo events taking place in LA. I support the ban because it is a rather violent sport in terms of what happens to the animals. We can do better than that.

Communication from Public

Name: Zach

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:41 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I've grown up with rodeo my entire life. I learned at a young age the word respect, taught to me by not only by family, but by the animals. You grow a bond with animals and they are a part of your soul. In no way shape or form do these rodeo livestock animals get mistreated. They are a part of your family and most the time you tend to their needs long before you take care of yourself. These animals aren't forced to do this, it's in their blood. Just like a pro basketball player or football player is, they are born with the genetics to be superstars. Please let's teach and inform and not punish ones way of means or tradition.

Communication from Public

Name: Dana

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:41 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is an important part of America's culture. No where will you find a more dedicated group of stockmen and animal care givers. Keep in mind groups such as PETA have an unbelievably high kill rate (<https://www.lexology.com/library/detail.aspx?g=84cee369-40ef-4b39-94ec-25e4e6e0bc8d#:~:text=PETA's%20kill%20rate%20is%20nearly,times%20the%20rate%20for%20cats.>) Nearly 4 times the rate of open admission shelters, and that does not include what they do to large animals. However, animals in the rodeo arena are loved, fed, recive the best care and retire to live out their lives at ranches and farms. The issue comes down to quality of life, being killed by an incompetent caregiver sounds like a sad ending to me. But to give the animal a purpose, with handlers they trust and then to retire to the best and most competent care available, that seems the best way to honor the life of that animal. These men and women take unbelievably good care of their animals and if you are unaware of exactly how well I advise you to go to one of your local farms or ranches. Currently women are rising to lead the industry (at 36% in 2017 and climbing), and in that time ag industries have become increasingly more sustainable and had higher animal care regulations (check out Temple Grandon) Destroying those industries and the sport of rodeo you take away opportunities for women. That is shameful. Protect those opportunities and the animals in the sport by allowing them to continue and grow for the future.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Hokanson

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:51 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is an important part of America. It's a place where entertainment, history, performance art, and tradition blend. Please give the professional cowboys and cowgirls a chance.

Communication from Public

Name: Rip Copeland

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:51 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please before you pass this do your home work! Speak with people from all different branches of the western lifestyle and learn about the equipment you mention in this Council File Number. You will find that livestock owners, stock contractors, athlete's, etc. have the utmost respect and take extremely good care of them. Rodeo, bull riding and other western lifestyle events are one of the only sports where God, Country and family are central to the core of it. Flank straps are not tools of torture cattle prods do not give electrical bursts of shock. Thank you for your consideration in this request.

Communication from Public

Name: john carson

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:54 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Whoever provided the info for your motion is way off base on their claims and your motion is full of flat out unfounded claims. "Animals suffer significant injuries during common rodeo events such as bull and bronco riding, steer wrestling, and calf roping. Many animals? (how many?) are putdown as a result of injuries sustained during these events." - Can you define "significant injuries"? Rodeo animals had hardly a statistical injury occurrence - less than .05 percent - your valued household pets have more injuries than that! "There are a number of rodeo events in the County and City of Los Angeles that utilize inhumane methods or instruments during their events" - any facts to back that up? FALSE "...prohibit electric prods or shocking devices, flank or bucking straps, wire tiedowns, and sharpened or fixed spurs or rowels..." way off base - do your own research and see for yourself. The animal extremist groups pushing these ordinances like HSUS, PETA, Last Chance for Animals, and SHARK are spending their donor dollars enriching their staff and pushing their ideology that the use of animals is akin to slavery and therefore abuse. - they are full of crap. You will cost your county/city million if you implement such ridiculous laws.

Communication from Public

Name: Rio Clawson

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:01 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rio Clawson, I have been educating the youth of Southern California for ten years. Through the lessons I have taught them, the most important one is for them to stay true to who they are. Rodeo is who I am, and it is who my family is. I would first like to educate you on some of the things we use in the western and english riding community. Spurs are a training aide and are actually used to give a more accurate cue to the horse. Horses move off pressure and this tool helps us to achieve that goal. I would like to equate it texting with a mitten on, it is impossible to type the correct keys, which is why you use your finger tips for a more accurate touch; which is why spurs are used. When used properly, they offer NO harm to the animal and actually help to not dull their sides. Just as there are different breeds of dogs intended for different purposes, there are horses bred for different purposes as well. This idea that rodeo livestock are mistreated is an absolute farce. Bucking stock are bred to buck, it is in their blood. Just as there are horses bred to race, jump, and cut cows. These horses love their jobs! When their careers are over they get to live in huge pastures and are retired on the ranch they are bred on because they become family members to these stock contractors. My Grandpa Frank instilled the love of rodeo to his family and he will forever be my role model. Rodeo teaches hard work, patience, and the events came about from taking care of animals on a ranch. When cattle are on huge pastures and there are no chutes, cowboys and cowgirls rope the cattle and give them antibiotics, wormer, ear tags and castrations in order to keep them help. This is where the events of team roping and calf roping came about. This idea that a few people are offended about a sport they truly know nothing about and are calling to prohibit it, is literally mind boggling. The few don't speak for a majority of residents in LA. I would like to invite the people who are calling a cancellation to the sport of rodeo to spend a day on my family's ranch and see the work and care these rodeo animals are rewarded. Many are massaged, chiropracted, fed supplements and are better kept than I am. This is a way of life for people of every nationality and walk of life, where cowboys and cowgirls work side by side and are treated as equal. Please stop trying to destroy the western culture and way of life!

Communication from Public

Name: Denece Ralston

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 06:22 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am against the ban on rodeo and any rodeo/ horse activities. My family, and I mean 'entire' family have been involved with horse/rodeo for all of our lives. When I say 'family' I mean my uncle, cousins, my sisters and brother, my nieces and nephews and their kids! Rodeo/ horse activities are a family sport. It can be done from age 3 or 4 to age 84! AND it can be done together. Rodeo activities KEEP the family together! Kids who are involved in rodeo are less likely to get into trouble or do drugs. Rodeo is not only a sport it is part of LIFE! A life style I will always feel blessed to have been able to participate in. Also the animals that are involved are very well taken care of! We put a lot of money in making sure they are feeling their best and they become part of our family. I strongly urge you NOT to pass this bill on banning rodeos!

Communication from Public

Name: Holly Todisco-Strobel

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 10:38 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: Kalley Krickeberg

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

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern, Please do not submit to the pressure of the Animal activist community in their efforts to abolish any and all forms of animal activities and ownership. They have their belief system which is contrary to all Animal Owners, and it is just that, a belief system no different than a religion and they will stop at nothing to push their belief system on to others and into law... there MUST be separation between church and state. Animal activists are incredibly clever and devious in how they raise money, preying on the well intentioned but unknowlegable general public, and then using their wealth to apply pressure politically towards their belief system's agenda. I have been in the livestock industry my entire life and it has brought myself and countless others great joy. Animal ownership, exhibition, and competition are all valid and honorable forms of making a living, entertainment, past times, and lifestyles. We have had animals along side us since the beginning of time. Many breeds and varieties have become so well adapted to life with humans they are considered domesticated and are highly functional and necessary partners, companions, and employees. Animal abuse and being inhumane are VERY different situations than raising food animals, exhibiting animals, competing with animals and animal ownership. Again, please do not succumb to the devious words and actions of animal activists wishing to push their BELIEF SYSTEM into law. Allowing the animal activist community to disrupt animal activities in L.A. is allowing a belief system into law. There MUST be separation between church and state. Sincerely and must concerned, Kalley Krickeberg

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Stauffer, M.D.

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 02:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: It would be a shame to begin the process of outlawing events involving animals. I personally train dogs that are used on sheep and cattle farms and the value is generated by competing in animal events, such as sheep and cattle trials. This step in legislation will begin the process of eventually making animal events more and more difficult to continue. Farming and animal husbandry is not well understood by city forms and unfortunately, these are the ones making the laws for everyone. Please do not support this legislation.

Communication from Public

Name: Johnny Zamrzla
Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 04:46 PM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: There is a great deal of history and tradition that comes from our cowboys and charros in the State of CA that includes rodeo, livestock and equine. Whether it's youth rodeo, pro-rodeo or professional bull riding, animal welfare is and has been a long standing and respected tradition. Safety and welfare of the animals is a priority just like the safety of the contestants. The economic impact of what these events create yearly is as important as is the employment they create and these events also provide good, clean, wholesome entertainment to thousands of family's of all ages and nationalities. There is absolutely no need for the LA City Council to give any consideration to having the City Attorney write an ordinance relative to regulations directed at rodeo type events when clearly the facts when known and understood don't support same. The voters and community of Los Angeles do not support this action that was brought forth by uninformed animal rights activists, most of which don't live and vote in the City of Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Tanya Foster

Date Submitted: 03/11/2021 10:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't listen to these animal rights zealots....they have always gone over the top with their photos that aren't even from this country or from just bad seeds....which there are in every walk of life. Official rodeo stock contractors take better care of their animals than you'll ever know. Rodeo is an American tradition that brings people together from all walks of life. You're just taking more jobs away as well along with local monies that can be made during these events, from food booths to hotels and restaurants.

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Fail this proposal for the sake of equine events, including rodeo. Livestock is very well treated as they are valuable athletes in this sport.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeri Rose Roen

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 07:44 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting on this ridiculous attempt to ban rodeo and rodeo type events. My family has participated and attended rodeo's , for eighty-five years, some have participated and others have attended. This sport , like many others gives family an opportunity to attend , as a family , making lifetime memories. Those participating are athletes that are role models , for children by showing their work ethic, maintaining their bodies for peak performance, as well as, their animals. Those animals used in rodeo's are taken care of by the stock contractors in the best possible manner, they are fed well, treated humanely, and have veterinary care. Honestly, these horses ,bulls and steers would not be alive , if not used for rodeo. On another, note jr. rodeo's give children and teenagers the opportunity to be athletes, learn important skills, and be around other children in a safe environment, always supervised by loving caring adults! Therefore, I beg you to think hard about this drastic move , because you will be much more harm that you fully realize !

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 07:49 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The humane tradition of rodeo is not an enemy of the animals. Rodeo animals are professional athletes in their own right and considering so many of them outweigh humans it's very easy for them to tell humans NO I don't want to do that. The sport of Rodeo is also a wonderful stepping stone for those living in disadvantaged communities to gain a financial advantage and a way out of said communities if they so wish. There are many communities of color who directly benefit from the sport of rodeo and horse shows (Compton Cowboys, Charrerria, Mississippi Delta Riders etc.) Cutting this off to them would be directly harming them and others. There is no science behind this ban. Please consider carefully whose lives will be affected and I'm talking about human and animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Barb Romberg
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:01 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this ban

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I opposed this ordinance to bad Rodeo activities. If this is allowed to happen in Los Angeles we will soon be fighting a ban on animal activities in every state.

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie Stevens

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:16 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't cancel the rodeo in Los Angeles at the request of a few animal rights extremists. The rodeo is part of our American heritage and shows children a traditional way of life. The people who participate in rodeos care about their animals and the animals are all treated well. Please meet with Protect the Harvest to discuss this matter and work out a solution. Banning the rodeo is not the way to move forward. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:20 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a life-long horse and cattle owner, and rodeo fan, to respectfully request that the city council reconsider their position on rodeo and some of the devices used in rodeo. Neither rodeo or the devices used therein are inherently abusive-- not even close. It is sadly far too common for the animal extremist ideology to take root in urban areas because the majority of people have no hands-on experience with livestock, and unfortunately, they don't reach out to those of us that do in order to, at the very least, learn both sides of an issue. People like me have spent lifetimes breeding, raising, and caring for animals, and would never want them treated wrong. I respectfully encourage you to read the attached article from Protect The Harvest, about a nearly identical bill that was proposed in New York, and to look at the issue objectively. Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter.



Animal Extremist Legislator Rosenthal Targets Rodeo in New York State

Animal Extremist New York Legislator Proposes Anti-Rodeo Bill

In August 2019, New York assembly member, Linda Rosenthal (D), proposed sadly misguided legislation that targets the sport of rodeo in New York. This bill, A08554, falls in line with numerous other animal extremist bills she has supported over the years. The anti-rodeo bill has recently come to the forefront as Madison Square Garden prepares to host the elite professional Rodeo New York event, scheduled to be held in June.

Rosenthal Has No Experience With Livestock

Rosenthal is a life-long resident of New York City, with minimal-- if any—real world, hands on experience with animals, least of all the livestock involved in rodeo. A vegetarian, Rosenthal took office in 2006, and has sponsored numerous pieces of legislation over the years that demonstrate her animal extremist-based agenda, few of which have passed. Some examples are bills that:

- Prohibit horse drawn carriages in New York City
- Ban of the sale or transfer of fur apparel
- Ban the sale of dogs, cats, and rabbits in pet stores
- Ban the declawing of cats
- Prohibit animal hatching projects in schools
- Assign advocates to represent animals in the courtroom
- Require outside animal pens or cages to be 4 times the height and length of the animal
- Limit how long, and during which times of day, companion animals can be outside
- Designate rescue cats as New York's official state cat
- Establish an animal law task force
- Ban possession of parts and products of certain species African wildlife, even if they were legally hunted and harvested
- Ban the raising of pheasants for sport

Anti-Rodeo Bill is The Latest Animal Extremist Legislation by Rosenthal

Rosenthal's anti-rodeo bill, A08554, would ban the event of calf roping, as well as flank straps or ropes used on bucking stock, electric prods, and certain types of spurs. The focus on these items comes strictly from Rosenthal's lack of experience and animal extremist ideology, and has no basis in sound animal science or standard humane livestock handling protocol. She is not truly concerned with animal welfare because she and her cronies view any use of animals as akin to slavery and abuse.

The bill is written with misleading and outright false information straight out of the animal extremist playbook. The text of the bill can be read here:

https://nyassembly.gov/leg/?default_fld=&leg_video=&bn=A08554&term=0&Summary=Y&Text=Y

Co-Sponsors are a Familiar Cast of Characters

Co-sponsors of the bill include assembly members Quart, Mosley, Colton, Blake, D'Urso, Williams, Gottfried, Paulin, and Ortiz. The bill is also supported by a typical line-up of extremist groups, with SHARK and the New York based Horseracing Wrongs among them.

These groups often share resources and membership as they protest all types of animal enterprise and fabricate fundraising opportunities to further their reach. Some of their members are "serial protestors" that bizarrely go by different names depending on the type of event they are protesting.

SHARK promotes veganism and opposes all manner of animal use, with current campaigns against rodeo, hunting and wildlife management, and animals in captivity.

They are known to collaborate with such extremist groups as Direct Action Everywhere (DxE), whose members frequently trespass to invade farms and steal animals in the name of "open rescue."



In fact, the overall “animal liberation movement” has, in the past, been declared the number one domestic terrorist threat in America by the FBI.

The current focus on the sport of rodeo is just another attack on an animal enterprise that these groups can add to their lists.

Myths Spread by Animal Extremist Groups Addressed

The best way we can rip the rug out from under these groups is to educate the public about the sport of rodeo and the care these animals receive. While it doesn’t matter to animal extremists how well rodeo livestock are cared for, it does matter to true animal lovers.

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) stock contractor Ike Sankey stated: “My reason for being in the business is not necessarily to make money. There are a lot of other things I could be doing, but I enjoy being around these horses and bulls. That’s why I’m in this business.”

Here are some typical and sometimes humorous myths spread by animal extremist groups:

ANIMAL EXTREMIST MYTH:

Animals regularly suffer physical trauma such as broken limbs, torn ligaments, and pulled muscles, and do not receive proper veterinary care.

ANIMAL WELFARE FACTS:

Animal Well-being Is Central to Rodeo

It is in the best interest of everyone involved in rodeo that the animals are exceptionally well taken care of. Animals only perform well when they are healthy, and both stock contractors and contestants rely on the animals being in good condition—it’s how they make their livings. Not only do stock contractors have incredible amounts of time and money invested in their animals, but contractors and contestants alike have a deep fondness and respect for the animal athletes. There are rules in place at all levels of rodeo competition to ensure that the animals are healthy and well cared for in all aspects. In fact, the PRCA has over 60 rules in place that cover animal well-being, with highly trained judges tasked with enforcing them. Even so, PRCA judges have stated that mistreatment of animals is virtually non-existent.

Minimal Injuries

The overall rate of animal injury in professional events is statistically negligible-- less than five hundredths of one percent (0.00046). These findings are based on a survey involving 60,244 animal exposures in 148 rodeo performances and 70 sections of slack resulting in only 28 injuries. The survey included bulls, horses, and the steers and calves used for roping, and serves to demonstrate that the danger to rodeo animals is truly minimal.

Veterinarian On Site

There is always a designated veterinarian either on site or on call assigned to professional events. In the rare event that there appears to be a sick or injured animal at an event, the veterinarian is notified immediately. Health papers are also required on all animals arriving at an event. They are inspected as they are unloaded prior to competition. Animals that are sick or injured in any way are not allowed to perform.



ANIMAL EXTREMIST MYTH:

Calf roping, or tie-down roping, is inherently cruel and kills numerous calves.

ANIMAL WELFARE FACTS:

Rodeo's calf-roping event closely reenacts a practice utilized regularly on cattle ranches to catch and administer veterinary care to calves. Ranch owners rely on the health and well-being of their stock to make a living, and so doctoring animals and keeping them in good health is vital to an operation's survival. Knowingly doing something that would cause real, lasting harm to an animal is not only abhorrent to those who love and raise them, but it would hurt the operation's bottom line.

Strict Rules are In Place for Tie-Down Roping

Like all rodeo events, tie down roping has specific rules. In the PRCA, the "no-jerk down" rule requires that calves be caught in such a manner that they are not jerked off all four feet and hit the ground as a result. If this happens, the contestant is disqualified.

Roping Stock Have Weight Limits, so Are Only Used for a Limited Time

In professional events, the weight range for calves in the tie-down roping is between 220 and 280 pounds. Calves grow very quickly, usually several pounds per day. This means that they are only roped for a brief span of time, and when they've passed the weight limit, will usually be shipped to a feed lot to be fed and finished out just as other beef calves are. Female animals can also be added to a breeding herd when they come of age.

"I personally have not seen a serious neck injury to a tie-down roping calf in my 16 years as attending veterinarian at Tucson's La Fiesta de Los Vaqueros and other Arizona rodeos," said Dr. Eddie Taylor.

ANIMAL EXTREMIST MYTH:

Animals are routinely subjected to tools of torment such as "tight flank straps, spurs, and electric prods" and are otherwise abused as they are forced to perform.

ANIMAL WELFARE FACTS:

Dr. Taylor stated, "These are not animals who are forced to buck and perform in the arena. In fact, if a flank strap is drawn so tight as to be uncomfortable, the horses and bulls will likely cease to buck or not perform to the best of their ability. The best rodeo livestock are those with a natural inclination to buck for the purpose of unseating a rider."

Flank Straps Work As Signals

Flank straps simply work as signals for the animals to buck, and are not tightened any more than a person would tighten a belt on themselves. In bull riding, a soft 5/8 inch cotton rope goes around the bull's flank, and in bareback and saddle bronc events, the flank strap is lined with fleece or Neoprene. The straps do not touch the genitals; in fact, many top bucking horses are mares. As with any training device, it takes time to accustom animals to it and its meaning. Not all animals will buck, even when wearing a flank strap. This shows that it is not the flank strap that causes bucking.

The PRCA website states: "Bucking animals are born, not made, and a flank strap cannot magically turn a placid animal into a championship buckler. When placed on an animal naturally inclined to buck, the flank strap simply augments the bucking action, encouraging a bucking bronc or bull to kick high with its back feet."



The fact is that if the ropes or straps were too tight, the bulls and broncs couldn't buck. In the early days of veterinary medicine, before tranquilizers became available, a device called a gird strap was used to immobilize large animals for treatment. The gird strap was placed in the same location as the flank strap, and tightened until the animal was unable to move.

Dr. Ben Espy of San Antonio TX has served as the required on-site veterinarian at rodeos, and stated: "The flank strap is never intended to cause any discomfort to the animal, nor have I ever seen any evidence of injury to a bucking animal caused by this strap."

"The flank straps cause absolutely no harm to the horses or cattle," said Nebraska veterinarian Dr. Jim Furman.

Spurs Do Not Cut or Scratch

In the roughstock (bucking animal) events, the purpose of spurs varies, but in all cases, spurs are required to be dull. In bull riding, the spurs worn by contestants are required to have loosely locked rowels (the wheel-like part of the spur that comes into contact with the animal). Bull riders' spurs help them to grip the bull's loose hide and stay in place for the required 8 seconds. In the bareback riding, the rowels must be dull and loose, in order to roll across the horse's hide. In both cases, the spurs do not cut or scratch the animal's hides, which are much thicker than a human's skin. In fact, human skin is 1-2 mm thick, while a horse's is 5mm and a bull's is 7mm.

Cattle Prods Run on Flashlight Batteries

Cattle prods were developed by the cattle industry to move livestock. Use of the prod has become one of the most universally accepted and humane methods of herding animals on ranches, in veterinary clinics, and, on occasion, at rodeos. Use of prods is strictly regulated. Professional rodeo rules state that they must be used as little as possible, and that the animal be touched only on the hip or shoulder area.

Cattle prods are powered by D sized flashlight batteries, producing 5,000 to 6,000 volts of electricity but virtually no amperage. It is amperage causes electric burns, so cattle prods cause a mild zap, but no injury.

"Sometimes it is necessary to touch a animal with an electric stock prod to get it to go where you want it," said Dr. Furman. "The prod is not a damaging stimulant, but rather an effective way to move the animals where they need to be in a timely fashion. Cattle prods are what I would call humane encouragement."

Dr. Jeff Hall, DVM, was quoted as saying: "An electric prod provides a low current shock to induce the movement of the animals. This type of prod does not harm the animals, as it provides a mild electrical shock sensation that leaves no prolonged effects. In working with cattle for more than 30 years, I personally have been shocked with this type of device on several occasions. This type of shock was annoying but produced no lasting or harmful effects." Often times, when cattle prods are used, the animal is not even touched, the metal panels are touched creating a noise that encourages the animals to move.

ANIMAL EXTREMIST MYTH:

Bucking bulls and horses are tame animals that must be “provoked into battle” and are forced to perform over and over.

ANIMAL WELFARE FACTS:

Bucking Genetics Play A Key Role

Bulls and broncs, especially in the upper levels of competition, are specially bred for competition. The success of bucking stock breeding programs around the world have proven that genetics are the main factor in determining an animal’s desire and ability to buck. For example, the American Bucking Bull is now a recognized breed of cattle, with over 200,000 animals with bucking bull genetics registered in its database.

“It’s part of them,” said Ike Sankey of Sankey Rodeos in Joliet, Mont. “Their mother bucked; their daddy bucked. They like people, but they like to buck. The horses and bulls enjoy what they’re doing, but if you hurt them, they won’t do it anymore.”

PRCA stock contractor Skip Beeler explained, “You can teach them to handle, load into the truck, stand in the chutes so they don’t hurt themselves, but nobody can train a horse or bull to buck. They’ve got to have it in them! I’d say it’s about 75 percent breeding, 10 percent luck, and 15 percent hard work to teach them the skills they need so you can handle them.”

Rodeo Animals Only Perform A Few Minutes In A Year’s Time

A qualified ride is 8 seconds, and so in a year’s time, the total time that bucking animals perform is literally only minutes. The actual time of use for roping animals in the rodeo arena is similar. Between performances all animals are well cared for in order to keep them in top condition.

ANIMAL EXTREMIST MYTH:

Rodeo animals travel constantly in cramped, double-deck trailers or pens. The trailers are frequently inadequately ventilated, and the animals are often fed and watered erratically.

ANIMAL WELFARE TRUTH:

Animal Welfare is Top Priority and The Best Care is Provided

Rodeo livestock is given the absolute best care possible at events and at home. Performing animals that are injured, stressed, or depressed aren’t able to do their jobs as well, and providing them safe, humane transport is a key component in keeping them in the best possible condition.

Strict Travel Regulations and Accommodations

Rodeo animals are protected both by general livestock transport laws as well as by rules held by most rodeo associations. In the Professional Bull Riders (PBR), for example, bulls are only allowed to travel a maximum of 10 hours per day, in specially designed livestock trailers with ample space. After 10 hours, the bulls are rested for 12-14 hours. Bulls most often stand in 6-10 inches of sawdust shavings during transport for their comfort.



In fact, the PBR had an event in Hawaii, and had the option to ship bulls there via boat which would have taken seven days, but also cost considerably less than other alternatives. Instead, the PBR determined that the welfare of the animals would be compromised during such a journey, therefore it invested nearly \$350,000, compared to less than \$100,000 if shipped by sea, to fly the necessary bulls to Hawaii for the event in special, customized containers.

ANIMAL EXTREMIST MYTH:

Rodeo animals are seen as expendable, and live rather short lives. Almost all rodeo animals end up in the slaughterhouse.

ANIMAL WELFARE TRUTH:

Bucking Stock is Valuable and Becomes Breeding Stock when Retired

The vast majority of bucking stock are loved and respected by their owners, for being the incredible animal athletes that they are. In the upper levels of competition, many broncs and bulls are worth at least \$10,000, with a few even boasting values of more than \$500,000. An animal's value increases when he becomes a proven sire of other quality bucking stock. The owner of the top bull, Bushwacker, was once offered \$1 million for him; and the famed bucking horse Nightjacket was sold for \$200,000.

Bucking animals perform during the prime of their lives and are most always retired to live out their days. Bucking bulls often live well into their teens, and broncs usually live well into their 20s, which are considered geriatric ages for both species.

Rodeo Animals Earn Great Retirements

"We like to keep our horses around forever," said stock contractor Harry Vold. "It's like an old folks home, and it can get costly, but they've earned their keep."

Legendary rodeo contestant, Ty Murray, competed in all three roughstock events. He purchased a number of high caliber bucking horses that he'd ridden during his competition days, for the sole reason of wanting to be the one to care for them in their retirement. Those that have lived out their days on his Texas ranch are buried there, with custom-made grave markers.

Realities of Rodeo

Rodeo is many things. It's the stock contractors who invest their lives into breeding, raising, and maintaining quality animals. It's the contestants that travel sometimes thousands of miles and pay thousands of dollars in entry fees to compete, and still tip their hats to the animal athlete that just bested them in the arena. It's the dedicated fans from all walks of life that might watch rodeos on TV, or attend them come rain or shine. The one thing that all of these share in common is admiration, respect, and love for the animals that make the sport of rodeo possible.

When the realities of rodeo, with the people and animals involved, are brought to light, it becomes very obvious that legislation like Rosenthal's is simply another attempt by the animal extremist movement to sever the long-standing human/animal connection.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 02:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Do not let people who know nothing about rodeo make rules for no reason. The western way of life needs to be celebrated and live on.

Communication from Public

Name: nancy

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 02:09 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I absolutely oppose the ban. Rodeo has been a huge part of California history and employs huge number of people directly and indirectly.

Communication from Public

Name: Valerie Zera
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 02:11 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Don't take away our opportunity to view some of the Living History of the West and a wholesome, exciting family entertainment opportunity!

Communication from Public

Name: Annika
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 02:39 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: <https://www.prorodeo.com/prorodeo/livestock/rodeo-equipment> <https://prorodeo.cld.bz/2020-PRCA-Rule-Book> 1962-1964 hosted National Finals Rodeo <https://www.nfritours.com/history>
https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1989-11-16-ti-1760-story.html%3F_amp%3Dtrue
<https://www.calgarystampede.com/blog/2011/07/08/the-facts-about-flank-straps/>
<https://www.prorodeo.com/prorodeo/livestock/livestock-welfare-rules> Links to FACTS about rodeo, especially pro rodeo, as well as some history of rodeo and Los Angeles. Rodeo is not cruel. Rodeo is a way of life, a set of standards to live by, and people's livelihoods. I urge you to strongly consider the FACTS as well as the community and economic impacts a vote to ban rodeo in Los Angeles would have: a very negative impact.

Communication from Public

Name: Johnny

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 02:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I strongly oppose a ban on rodeos, PBR, and rodeo events in the City of Los Angeles. Professional Rodeo has a safety record that is exemplary. The stock contractors, competitors, and everyone involved take the utmost care in protecting the health and safety of their livestock. Our animals are very valuable, sometimes worth hundreds of thousands of dollars. To make the claim that these animals would be intentionally injured is ludicrous. Our governing body, the Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) diligently tracks the sport's animal welfare standards. National statistics illustrate that amongst more than 600 rodeos held annually, injuries are accounted for in less than 1% of the more than 15,000 stock animals. PRCA sanctioned rodeos must follow stringent animal welfare guidelines written and evaluated annually by a number of experts including rodeo veterinarians. I understand and appreciate your compassion for animals. However, this vote was made without the actual facts and based upon misinformation provided by a small group of activists. I implore you to reconsider your vote and to reach out to Scott Dorenkamp, director of animal welfare with the PRCA or any of the more than 30 rodeos in California who are the real experts concerning professional rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 02:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Everyone wanted to be a cowboy (or cowgirl!) at some point in their life. It's an American icon. LA used to be one of the main frontiers for vaqueros (which means cowboy in Spanish). Since the industrial revolution, LA is now covered in skyscrapers which have replaced the once luscious green pastures for cattle and horses to roam. Rodeo comes from the Spanish term rodear, which means to round up. Our livelihood of rodeo preserves history, culture, supports minorities, gives back to local organizations, produces tax free economic impact for the city and is a safe socially distanced family friendly activity that also helps keep our youth off the streets. I am disappointed to see that the city council has not done their due diligence by speaking with shareholders (IE the rodeo and equine communities) before imposing such regulations. Did you know we have more than 70 laws governing animal welfare in rodeo? We also have multiple veterinarians on staff to treat animals and inspect them before every performance? I highly suggest collaborating with our community before requiring such drastic and direct changes that will impact our livelihoods. If you ask any rodeo contractor, their livestock are like their family. They often feed their animals before even feeding themselves. I highly encourage you to see their facilities- their livestock have better homes, lives and care than all the homeless in LA. Please consider dropping your ordinance to ban the use of flank straps and restrict other safety protocol that is already in existence. Flank straps are lined with fleece and never placed too tight or else the animal will not buck. We already have rules in our industry that restricts the use of electric prods and sharp/locked spurs are already prohibited in saddle and bareback riding as well. Please take the time to talk to anyone in rodeo and educate yourself in order to work with us and see how we safely handle and treat our extended livestock family.

Communication from Public

Name: Dean C Callender

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 02:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: There are already laws in place regarding rodeo equipment and usage in California. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association also has over 70 rules pertaining to the safety of the livestock and contestants. These laws and rules already address spurs, flank straps and electric prod usage. Penal code 596.7 already restricts the use of electric prods, flank straps are fleece lined or soft rope, and sharp spurs are prohibited and locked spurs are prohibited in saddle bronc and bareback events. We take great pride in our rodeo livestock. Our animals are often worth thousands of dollars and are bred for their job as a rodeo athlete. Items such as flank straps are not used to hurt an animal but for the safety of the animal and the rider. Flank straps are lined with fleece and never placed too tightly as the animal will not buck if that is the case. Spurs are not sharp as often indicated and electric prods can only be used in case of an emergency when the chute gate is open and the life of the animal and/or rider is threatened. Was anyone involved in Rodeo or the western industry was consulted by the Los Angeles City Council before they pushed the drafting of the ordinance forward? At least take the opportunity to educate yourselves about the equipment and usage before passing an ordinance. Dean Callender - Director of the California Rodeo Horse Parade

Communication from Public

Name: Ann

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 01:55 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is history, even in big cities, looks it up (the real history). Rodeo has strict rules on animal welfare and equipment used. Flank straps are simply wool and leather, and come unattached with the undoing of a simple buckle. Spurs on bulls and broncs are small and blunt and cannot do any damage unless by pure force, which does not happen during rodeo performances. Certain events like tie down roping have rules against forcefully pulling a calf to the ground, and this even goes back to the history of ranching and roping calves for tagging and branding. The list goes on. Rodeo also provides revenue, either by company associations, sponsorships, fundraisers, and careers. You will be affecting the lives and careers of more than just competitors at these events: contractors, producers, grounds crew, gate crew, lights, construction work, office help... the list goes on, and this will only add to people losing jobs and leaving the area/not returning to the city. Rodeo is not cruel like people want you to think it is. Veterinarians have to be on site, ambulances for athletes. Genetics and breeding goes back decades on good rodeo stock animals. The athletes keep themselves and their animal partners in top shape, often putting the animals needs above their own, to continue on the rodeo road. Producers are always looking to produce the best event while keeping everyone happy and SAFE. Do accidents happen? Yeah, but they happen in other sports too, and we aren't trying to ban those. Stop listening to activists with deep pockets who have never stepped foot on rodeo grounds or on a ranch, and start listening to your constituents who have actually been to, produced, or participated in a rodeo before! Go to a rodeo, talk to the people in the background, and educate yourself before making a harsh, unfair, and quite frankly dumb decision!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 01:04 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose this ban

Communication from Public

Name: Alissa Gass
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 01:09 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Don't stop rodeo!!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Alissa Gass
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 01:10 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Don't stop rodeo!!!

Communication from Public

Name: JoAnn Hackney

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 01:18 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please consider leaving the rodeo and western animals alone and allow us to keep up the very safe rodeo and parades that we have had for hundreds of years. Rodeo people take very good care of their animals, in fact they have had a 99.9% safety rating for years. Only the best animals, horses and cattle, are used for performances. Why wouldn't they take care of these animals, that is their livelihood? Please consider other professionals input before you destroy a strong American pastime. Some of us would rather support this strong Western lifestyle than someone that is overpaid and disrespectful to our country. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Peter Bundy

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 01:24 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass any laws regarding Rodeo's. Our heritage must stay alive.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 01:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support eliminating the use of Inhumane Implements: Electric Prods or Shocking Devices, Flank or Bucking Straps, Wire Tiedowns, Sharpened or Fixed Spurs or Rowels.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 01:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please revisit this issue through eyes of objectivity. Assumptions, rather than research, may be at play here and that in itself is a dangerous path! PLEASE RECONSIDER.

Communication from Public

Name: Montie D. Grubbs

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

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass bill or laws banning equine activities. Equine events are heritage of our nation.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeanne Bellamy

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

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: If this bill is passed it will stop rodeo in your county It will also effect all equestrian events in your county Including all the horses in your Rose Bowl parade. Rodeo treats their animals with excellent care. Plrase educate yourself on this bill and vote against it.

Communication from Public

Name: Justin Wilkinson

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

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Banning rodeo's is an ignorant action. Rodeo animals whether they are the contestants own personal animals or the stock supplied by the contractor for the rodeo are well taken care of and their safety is a priority. Furthermore this type of action has potential consequences to other agricultural industries.

Communication from Public

Name: Kittie Deemer

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 03:34 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose vaguely worded ordinances that limit the public's ability to interact with and look at animals. There's a huge difference between animal rights and animal welfare. And getting rid of animals will kill the public's ability to relate to animals and the purposes they serve for us. Please do not enact any of this kind of legislation and regulation. Through your hand raise pie show

Communication from Public

Name: SUE J

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 03:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: THESE IDIOT THAT WOULDN'T KNOW A HORSE OR BULL IF THEY SAW ONE BETTER BACK OFF, YOU WILL HAVE A LAWSUIT AGAINST YOU. YOU WILL NOT STOP RODEO!! STAY OUT OF THINGS YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT!!! GO DO SOMETHING FOR THE COUNTRY, YOU CANNOT STOP PEOPLE FROM MAKING A LIVING! THERE ARE NO ANIMALS THAT GET THE CARE THAT RODEO STOCK GETS. PLEASE GO FEED AND HOUSE SOME HOMELESS VETS, PEOPLE THAT FIGHT FOR OUR RIGHTS AND YOUS.

Communication from Public

Name: Pat Cochran

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 03:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Under NO circumstances should any rodeos, horse events ever be taken away from the general public.if any of you know anything about horses,calves,steers, Bulls, they live to buck off cowboys. They are bred to buck, and if they don't buck at any given time, you CANNOT make them buck. The horses used for roping events,barrel racing also are bred for these events. Under NO circumstances can you make any horse do this without the correct breeding and training. All these animals are treated with the ultimate respect, and given the best of feed. Most only work for 8 seconds a handful of times during a year. No other animal on earth has such a great job in life. If a veterinarian is needed for anything the owners spend thousands of dollars caring for all the animals This also goes for all the 'home' animals. They are all loved respected, many horses teach young kids to ride and learn, also horses are used to treat ptsd in soldiers,drug addicts, taken to nursing homes for the elderly to pet on and love. As do the miniature horses and calf's. Livestock of all kinds teach kids of all ages in FFA and 4H every year,. You will never find any of the people involved in all livestock events in trouble with the law. Livestock teaches everybody to be responsible and a loving individual—which is a rarity these days !!!!! If anybody is reading this informative , I sincerely hope and pray you take the time to get involved in any livestock event, take the time to watch ,visit with competitors,ask questions, and learn. Your life will have more meaningful days, peaceful days, and the people that are in any events are God loving individuals, they root for each other all the time. I'd say this all pretty much sums up what livestock of all breeds give back to all people. Which is why we are all on this earth!!

Communication from Public

Name:

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

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am a cowgirl and rodeo is how i make my living. Please don't take it away as many of California's rodeo's are a big deal to me and help me to live my life!

Communication from Public

Name: SETH MCCABE

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 03:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This legislation is incredibly poorly written with so much intended vague language that almost any event including livestock could be banned. This ban sounds like it was written almost exclusively by animal rights extremists with no input from the people that actually put these events on. We are all for the well being of rodeo livestock and with our daily interaction with these animals you would think that our advice would be useful. What your doing is the equivalent of letting the NRA write all of the gun laws with no input from the other side. Please do some real research and learn what you are voting on before you make a decision

Communication from Public

Name: Glenda Bennett
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:02 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Stop the ban on rodeo and rodeo like events!

Communication from Public

Name: Chad garcia
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:07 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Do NOT ban rodeo. It is not animal cruelty!!! Rodeo is an American Tradition!!

Communication from Public

Name: theodore view

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please halt this ridiculous unfounded assault on our western heritage and lifestyle. These groundless attacks on a vibrant healthy American tradition are funded and founded by extremist radical groups with no vested interest in safety or any other actual 'animal rights'. Please HALT this vicious attack. Sincerely,
Theodore R View

Communication from Public

Name: Michael J Williamson

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the attempt to ban Rodeos in Los Angeles. The details of the proposed ordinance which forbids the use of bucking straps, spurs, etc., would end Rodeos. This is nothing more than a thinly veiled attack on our heritage, traditions, culture and Western lifestyle.

Communication from Public

Name: Dusty Gravatt

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This is my way of life and the Heritage of Western America. I was born in San Gabriel California which is LA County I lived in hermoso beach for several years. I love horses I love animals I have participated in rodeos since I was young in junior rodeos and professional rodeos. This Partition if passed would be very sad for California and LA county. Please reconsider Dusty Gravatt

Communication from Public

Name: CHARLES GLYNN LANCLOS

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:15 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am for the rodeo in Los Angeles, California. The rodeo has great entertainment for families of all nationalities. Rodeo stands for what it really means to be an American and the American way of life and culture. Please keep the Rodeo in Los Angeles, California forever.

Communication from Public

Name: Mike Herring

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is a way of life what this country was founded on showcasing how our early folks took care of animals training of animals to help us manage other livestock for folks to survive and feed communities. Rodeo is the most patriotic sport in this country today we stand for the flag we pray we invite God into our sport and show respect and honor for our gladiators who fought to keep this country free. These tree huggers trying to take away freedom and honor, they lie about this sport

Communication from Public

Name: Karla Tabing

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:18 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: It is very sad that in the United States a small group of people are allowed to tell others how to live. This country was built on the western lifestyle. Those who never get their hands dirty should find out what rodeo is really about. To be so totally one sided on an issue and not hear from the other side is completely unacceptable. It is another example of the liberals pushing their agenda. Those of us who believe in God, Country, and family are being railroaded. Stop the attack on our way of life.

Communication from Public

Name: Tina Ballard

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please read my entire message. I am a California born individual. Please do not ban rodeo from Los Angeles. Ranchers, many who are rodeo participants, farmers, and rural America feed this entire country. These rural communities provide 44 percent of military recruits, the people who protect our country, in contrast to only 14 percent of recruits coming from large cities. Rodeo livestock are some of the most well cared for animals. Livestock contractors keep their stock well fed and protected because they care about them AND because they are valuable assets. Once an animal no longer participates in rodeos they “go into retirement”, often when they are still earning a great deal of money, meaning they now eat, enjoy pasture time, and produce the next generations. Respect the rural communities. If you don’t understand how important these areas and lifestyles are to this country, please do some impartial research.

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Anderson

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE do not listen to the one-sided animal activists. There are no humans that care more for their animals than those in the agricultural industry. The western lifestyle is an integral part of history, life as we know it now and it needs to be a part of the future. It would be completely ignorant to make a decision to ban agricultural events such as rodeo just because a small number of people are against it. Life is about choices and these people can chose not to support it but they certainly do not deserve the right to solicit to have it banned just on their beliefs. There is a greater population who make their living at this and are raising their families to do the same. I can't imagine how you are even considering banning an occupation, lifestyle and the part of life that stems from the beginning of time just because some small group of wanna-be animal saviors that think they know it all about an industry they actually know nothing about. This is ludacris and completely unfair. KEEP AGRICULTURAL ALIVE EVERYWHERE! PLEASE DO NOT BAN AN ENTIRE LIFESTYLE.

Communication from Public

Name: Mitch

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Do not allow the animal activists to stop equestrian and or rodeo in the city of Los Angeles the city of Los Angeles needs to talk to people in the rodeo industry and the equestrian industry to get the real facts on this do not allow this to go farther along. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Sylvia Sharpe

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I have volunteered my time working for the Homestead Florida Rodeo for four years and learned the following: All the live stock (horses, bulls, calves) have to be vet checked and healthy before they come to the Rodeo, Vets are at the Rodeo ready to help an animal if it should for any reason need medical help, Animals are well fed and watered The animals are given care and comfort, Equipment/tack top quality/condition, Participants well trained and physicians are there to examine and help riders if needed, Participants know their animals and spend hours training with them, Safety equipment is used so the animals and participants don't get hurt, Excellent outdoor sport for all people of all ages.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: There is no need for a ban. Animals in rodeos are more taken care of then anywhere else.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:10 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Your council obviously knows nothing about Rodeo & the western way of life. The rodeo animals are treated better than most people care for their dogs. They are athletes & are only doing what they are meant to do. Some bulls & horses are just buckers & to deny them the opportunity to do what their nature demands is the real mistreatment of these animals.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The western way of life is America's heritage and should be protected and passed on. We would like to educate and share how important our animals are to us and to our families to those who have not been fortunate to have the opportunity to know them as we do. There truly is something special with "the outside of a horse is good for the inside of a man" God bless America and the animals who worked with us to make this great country.

Communication from Public

Name: Susie Larmouth

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo's have been going on in California since 1911. The animals that the stock contractors bring in are treated better than most humans. How many of you have actually been to a rodeo or talked to one of the participants or stock contractor. Rodeo's are part of California history, they are family events with amazing fans and participants. Do some research, talk to the cowboys/cowgirls the stock contractors. Rodeo needs to stay..

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 09:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please take the time to educate yourself on the sport of rodeo plus PBR before immediately putting a ban on it. Reach out and learn about PBR and rodeo

Communication from Public

Name: Pete Peterson

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not approve the proposed ban on rodeos and bullriding. This proposal is full of misinformation and only represents a small, but vocal group riding on a large misinformation campaign. The stock is very well taken care of and it should be the contestants' choice to compete. Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Karen Sutton

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please keep the PBR and other events like this in Los Angeles. We need them as well as any other sport. Don't let us down, it needs to stay.

Communication from Public

Name: Hunter Morgan

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:45 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support rodeo. I support rodeo in the state of California. To ban rodeo would be a hardship to many; An underserved and unrepresented hardship.

Communication from Public

Name: Cindy Henderson

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please please please do not take our rodeo away. It's part of our history, horses helped create this country. We would not be where we are right now without them. The horse industry is a big business. Young children need the opportunity to be a part of this amazing lifestyle/sport. There are still a LOT Cowboys and cowgirls in this country. Please protect the rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name: Roxanne Miers

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is more than the eye beholds. You should really do real homework and not be so quick to take away rights to something you literally have no idea about.

Communication from Public

Name: Jim Pratt

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: You are ending my work and lifestyle. Please stop this. You are stopping events you know nothing about.

Communication from Public

Name: Jeanie Fortin

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 04:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I ask that the western way of life be left as it is. Rodeos should not be banned. The animals are cared for better than any domestic animal. Leaving everything this way it is - no change.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I would ask that everyone voting to not allow rodeos and rodeo like events go to the home of the stock contractors and see what a cushy life those animals truly have. They are better taken care of than many peoples pets. Most of bulls for the bull riding events are big babies that like to have their heads scratched. If you haven't lived it or experienced it, you shouldn't make judgments on it.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please save the PBR, horse racing, horse shows & rodeo. It's a huge part of our heritage not to mention the values it teaches our youth! The animals participating in these events are treasured & well cared for.

Communication from Public

Name: Allen Apgar

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 07:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: No one cares more for their animals than the PBR and their stock contractors. As someone who has attended many events and behind the scenes events to see the bulls up close, I know this to be true. I don't disagree with some of the proposed items to ban but the flank strap on a bull doesn't bother them at all and neither does the Spurs since they are dull. Maybe ask to attend an event to see for yourself instead of making a rash decision brought up by another radical organization that can't use common sense. And all this is coming from a vegetarian who loves animals more than most. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Dennis N Larson

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 08:06 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo has been a 150 year tradition in the United States. It is heavily regulated to provide the most care and comfort for the animals in the rodeo. Please consider this proposal to be an unneeded ordinance. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Gil Hernandez

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

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo has always been a pioneering sport. If you ban it, the upcoming generation of "cowboys" will no longer enjoy this beautiful equestrian events. Only horse people know what it is to ride your horse and compete with other fellow horse people in events dedicated to this particular sport.

Communication from Public

Name: Larry Bell

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 05:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: PETA motives should be examined as their plans are to ban the use of all animals as pets, food or any use by humans. Please don't vote for this until you review PETA mission statements.

Communication from Public

Name: Helen Huston

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 05:05 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: To the city Council Members of Los Angeles: I am so surprised and saddened that Los Angeles is considering banning Rodeos in California! I enjoy rodeos and attend many including the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas that are held there in December each year. Last year though it was in Texas. I admire the participants expertise of honing the skills in their events! I've seen Junior Rodeos on up through adults. The skills learned for each includes years of discipline and teaches many lessons in responsibility, commitment and perseverance. They can use these traits in all areas of their lives. I respectfully want to ask the Council to not prohibit rodeos in LA as they are an event hosted in many states across the United States!

Communication from Public

Name: Miguel Gutierrez
Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 05:05 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: I do not agree with this.

Communication from Public

Name: Craig Steele

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 05:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is a way of life and has been for many many years. Everyone in this sport knows and respects risks involved. It would be a travesty to ban something so historic from people that will never get to experience it. But all Good Things come from California. NOT!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Amber Thwaites

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 05:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Our Rodeos need to be left alone. This has been part of our Countries history for decades. Enough has been taken from our Western Lifestyle. There is nothing wrong with our sport. Please just leave us alone to live our lives the way we choose.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Moore

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 05:49 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Animals used for rodeo are some of the most well taken care of animals in the earth. Please allow this sport to continue. It is part of our western heritage.