

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 07:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you not to ban these events. Please educate yourself on the many positive benefits of these events. Do not allow the fringe groups that wish to dictate to everyone else what they consider acceptable ways to spend time. I would prefer my children attend and participate in rodeos than most concerts. Don't make this another reason middle America points to LA as a joke.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cassidy Barnes

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 08:01 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is a wholesome sport. The animals included in rodeo are treated well. LA County would be making a mistake to ban rodeos. The people at rodeos are loving and respectful. I challenge those who are against rodeo to ask a rodeo committee to tour the rodeo grounds and gain some perspective on how well the animals are treated. Bucking stock (broncs and bulls) are treated like rockstars and looked at in awe for their amazing athletic ability. They are born and raised to buck and they do so because they love it, not because anyone is forcing them. The contestants' horses are treated like family and always put first. Often contestants will choose not to enter a rodeo if they feel that their horse is not feeling their absolute best. Livestock such as the steers and calves are stock contractors livelihood and treated with love. It does no benefit for contestants, stock contractors, and rodeo committees to treat these animals poorly. Animals that don't feel their best, don't perform well and that is a loss. Every animal you will see at a professional rodeo is treated with respect. We LOVE our animals. We would give our lives for them. Rodeo is a lifestyle and I promise you if you spent a day with the people and animals in this sport you would feel loved and respected. You won't find a better group. Please reconsider this ban. Education is paramount. Please reach out to a rodeo committee and ask to learn about the way the animals are treated. I'm sure they would be thrilled to show you how well they are treated.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Jon Moore

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 08:05 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am against the proposed ban on rodeo .

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dee Jaspar

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 08:05 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a past competitor and presently involved in the management side of our sport of rodeo, I can say that rodeo is not cruel to animals. Rodeo livestock requires a huge investment by stock contractors to breed, nurture, feed, and develop these animal athletes, and they are cared for as well as any equestrian athlete, be it a roping horse, cutting horse, reining horse, jumping horse, penning horse, sorting horse, parade horse, or a working horse, such as we use in our cattle ranching operation. The claims of animal cruelty are false. Rodeo is carefully regulated by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and there are rules in place to protect the livestock used in professional rodeo.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joseph Kelarjian

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 08:21 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please preserve the AMERICAN tradition of Rodeo in the City. This is also a tradition gleaned from Mexican tradition. It must be preserved.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 10:24 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Growing up around the sport, I understand why some of these contraptions may be seen as harmful or unnecessary, however, this is not the case. Many of these animals are bred to be the best athlete they can be, and unfortunately that comes with aggressive tendencies. These animals are unpredictable and many of these are used for their own safety as well as the safety of those participating in the event. The cattle prod is often a last ditch effort, many cattlemen will resort to many other ideas before they choose this one. For the men and women who raise these animals, they are very valuable and even more so when they are top performers. They cannot be top performers or make money for their owners if they are sick, injured, or put in harms way intentionally. Therefore, it simply does not happen. Have a cowboy come in a bring his flank strap with him. They are often lined with sheep's wool or other soft material, contrary to what extreme animal rights groups may want people to think. These are placed on the animal to cause an itchy sensation, not a pain sensation. This is similar to when we feel a big land on us, we usually move really quickly to get it off. These flank straps are not sharp or have anything to do with the genitals of those animals. If there were straps that had sharp or puncturing objects within them that caused harm, the stock owners would not let their stock compete in those events. Any other strap that goes around the animal is made of leather and does not have anything sharp within them either. Bulls have skin that is almost an inch thick. If there were spikes lining the straps that go around the horses there would be many more injuries at rodeos than we see at this time, which most are just freak accidents. Again, owners would not let a rider on their animal if they knew that rider had the intention or means to harm them. That rider would be fined and most likely banned from the sport. The PRCA and PBR both have very strict rules that riders and stock owners must abide by for the safety of everyone at the rodeo. Safety is their number one priority. While from a person's perspective, these objects may seem scary or harmful, these are objects that are deemed necessary to perform in the rodeo safely. I understand that rodeo is not for everyone, but it is how some people make a living, both stock owners and participants in the rodeo. Banning the very objects that keep the rodeo animals and rodeo participants safe is the fastest way to

banning rodeo completely. If they can't compete safely, then they can't compete at all. By getting rid of safety measures, you are increasing the risk of injury to both animal and rider, and no one wants that to happen. As a person with a strong rodeo background, I ask that you do not ban these items so that fellow cowboys and cowgirls can compete in these events safely.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Donna Wagoner

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 11:15 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** We need rodeo for our kids and Western heritage to continue in san bernardino county. Thank you



## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 01:29 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I was born and raised in the Los Angeles area and currently work for another county in California as a Animal Control Officer. As such I have investigated, submitted reports to the District Attorney, and testified in CA PC 597 (animal cruelty) cases. So allow me to speak as a professional with fifteen years experience in animal control and almost 20 years in law enforcement. Nothing, I repeat NOTHING that either the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) or the Professional Bull Riders (PBR) have done in western sports are in any way a violation of the state law nor or do they even remotely constitute animal cruelty. This ordinance is a blatant case of ignorance on the part of of the Los Angeles City Council likely pushed forward by activists with a hidden agenda. People in so-called "animal rights" would like nothing better to see all areas of agricultural and sport use of domestic animals be completely banned. But they know that outright bans would never pass so they choose to push for a lot of little ordinances and regulations to achieve their unconstitutional visions. Let's be honest, LA is an "easy" political target for these activists as the City of Los Angeles does not have a large number of people who's livelihood is dependent on the industries of rodeo, livestock, livestock auction, western sports, or agriculture. Thus passing any draconian animal laws such as the ones proposed would have little affect for the councilmembers in their next election. That does not make it right or moral. And here's another cold hard fact - animals don't have "rights". People have rights, endowed by a creator and recognized by the Bill of Rights. Animals don't have rights. They have a minimum standard of care and control that offers them a degree of protection under the law and that's enough! We don't need "animal rights." Domestic animals are still considered private property and any entity or individual has the right to use their property as they feel is necessary within the law. Both the PRCA and the PBR have programs and protocols for animal husbandry that far exceeds any other industry standards in the care and treatment of their animals. This proposed law is NOT to better the care for the animals in western sports - it is deliberately to do a "soft ban" against western sports inside Los Angeles altogether. I'm old enough to remember a time with the City of Los Angeles had a number of active industries such as horse ranches, livestock areas, and even

gun ranges inside the city limits. Yet through the years, the city council has been successful of destroying these industries. They never pass a law outright banning them, but pass one law after another making it harder and harder for these industries to function until they are forced to close or move. "Deaths from a thousand cuts" That is what these proposed laws are. City Council; be honest for once in your careers, you're not trying to make improvements. Segments of your constituency wants to outright ban western sports for their own reasons and you've given them the tools by proposing to pass laws that make it virtually impossible for western sports to function. Why don't you and your activists cronies do the honest thing for a change. Do the American thing for a change. If you don't approve of western sports **DON'T WATCH IT AND DON'T FINANCIALLY SUPPORT IT!** But in the name God, don't force your agenda on someone else! I don't approve of vegan restaurants, but I'd never try to get them banned. There are a lot of religious groups and practices that I don't support - but I will fight for the right of someone else to worship as they see fit! The last time I check, Los Angeles is still part of the United States of American, and contrary to popular myth - we're not a democracy (thank God) we're a constitutional republic which means that right of the individual takes precedent over the will of a group. Let western sports thrive in Los Angeles and across the nation! Focus on more important issues in your city such as the homeless crisis, leave the rest of the citizenry and their rights alone!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Roxanne

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 01:41 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Rodeo is a part of Americans history as well as a live style for Ranchers across America. These Rodeo events are a way for these men and women to show there skills. It is no different than Other Sports, dog shows included in this category. These animals in the rodeo are better cared for than some children. These animals are bred for their part in the sport. It is in their blood. Just like any other athlete. I believe there are more important items that need the attention and funds than the banning of Rodeos.. Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Suicide, Sex trafficking and Organ trafficking.. The rodeo provides joy, laughter, spirit of the West to families and others. I say if the rodeo offends you for any reason the chose not to attend. Please do not take my choice to attend away from me..

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 01:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The rodeo bill is not good. Many of us enjoy the sport. No different than football, baseball etc. The stock people treat the bulls like family. A lot better than the bulls raised to kill and eat. Going to outlaw steak too?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Michelle Alcorn

**Date Submitted:** 03/12/2021 04:35 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hasn't America had enough drama lately!! 911 pissed off us Americans off yet pulled us all together and made us fight back. Yet this past year of shallow promotes, malicious lies pushed bad politics, racial nonsense and deadly viruses civilians want to yank the right to rodeo? Come on American's Rodeo is the pillar/foundation of how we became who we are. Don't let this sport die!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bonnie Burt

**Date Submitted:** 03/12/2021 07:52 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Banning Rodeo and Rodeo like events will be detrimental to our American Western Heritage and Traditional History. We need to keep these events alive to understand and share the importance agricultural development had for us in the US! Animal Welfare is very well protected within these industries since they are a critical part of their own longevity and sustainability. Please do not ban Rodeo and Rodeo like events in the LA area!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Donna Robbins

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

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please stop erasing American history and culture that is uniquely ours as a country!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dana Plowman

**Date Submitted:** 03/12/2021 07:55 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Western riding events and rodeos are a part of our history and heritage. The discipline is a healthy outlet and sporting event for children and adults alike. Riding horses, training, competing and caring for my horses and animals is the fondest memory I have of my childhood days. It instilled a work ethic and dedication I utilize to this day. I work outside with my horses every single day. I attend competitions as often as possible. I can't imagine my life without this opportunity. These type of events are much healthier than phones, computer games or TV. Please don't take that away from citizens young and old. It's a way of life for many. Target and weed out the 1% that may be abusive to animals not the industry as a whole.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Charlotte De Lozier

**Date Submitted:** 03/12/2021 08:44 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Save our rights to have, watch, participate in, own, show everything equine, bovine and show from uneducated people who are trying to take away our rights to watch, own ride raise our animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jack  
**Date Submitted:** 03/12/2021 08:48 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I think rodeo is safe for the animals involved. There is no reason to not have rodeo in your city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Austin Perkins

**Date Submitted:** 03/12/2021 09:27 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** All the livestock are taken better care of then any athlete in the sport and this is coming from a rider who been around the sport for a long time and we have dull rowels that I have shown people on myself ran it over my skin and never cut myself once

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kimberly Kemsley

**Date Submitted:** 03/12/2021 09:39 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Properly conducted Rodeo and horse show events do not hurt the horses. If you ban these events from Los Angeles you would be doing a great disservice to both horse and riders. Please get more information from horse owners. We love our horses and would never subject them to abuse.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark Sanchez

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 04:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** First of all , thank you for the opportunity to comment, my thanks is somewhat muted by the fact we are even having to address this subject, A nation, a state , that was built by a western culture of horsemen, livestock owners , frontier men and women, who knowing and loving their animals developed and promoted what is now rodeo From the Vaccero to the modern day athlete, both 2 legged and 4 legged competitors, have built an industry and sport that is honorable and unique This uniquely American sport which now is becoming a global sport has earned the right to be passed down to future generations, The sport aside, the economic benefit of this industry has become the lifeblood for entire portions of local economies, The winds of political influence come and go , respectively, please leave this uniquely American sport alone, it has earned and proven it's worth as a sport, a hobby , as entertainment to millions of people around the world , it gives generations of our young people reasons to dream and hopes to aspire to greatness, if it be in the rodeo arena or otherwise Thank You for your time Mark Sanchez

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Angel Cushing

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 06:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why do you want to kill horses? Turn them out on public lands for them to starve to death? When did a horse being a horse become such a bad thing? Horses LOVE to work. Mine get depressed if I don't pull the saddle out. This idea is the same as refusing to take your dog for a walk. Why would you consider such an idea? Do you understand that there is not much for horses left to do since the invention of the machine. If this is taken from them. Horses no longer have a purpose except to starve to death on public lands.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peggy Reece

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 09:18 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo animals are the best cared for animals in the world. And the best athletes. Keep your nose out of rodeo. Leave it alone & stop real animal abusers like dog & cock fighting & PETA. PETA kills more animals than anyone.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Del

**Date Submitted:** 03/13/2021 10:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I do not support the draft proposal to ban rodeo activities. This proposal would disallow all animal activities to include equestrian events including charros, Rose Parade horse riders, rodeos, even owning pets. The PRCA has a remarkable 99.9% safety rating for the past four years for the all animals that are involved in rodeos. California rodeos just in the state alone have an economic impact of over 73 million dollars. This would ban a complete event that would take place in the Staples Center. That would not affect just the rodeo people, it would affect concession stands, vendors, hotels, restaurants, etc. This proposed ordinance is not based on any facts or scientific data. Do not approve this proposed ordinance.