

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Haigh Toni

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 06:53 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have had horses since 1958 and have been showing them and attending equestrian events since then. Horses have been an integral part of our history first as a mainstay of our transportation needs then and now as working partners on our ranches to this day. Beyond that they are essential parts of the lives of so many people, especially with the additional stresses from Covid. They continue to be an outlet that is safe as we can continue to ride outdoors with social distancing to help maintain our mental health. The horse industry also has a substantial financial impact on our economy. To allow so few people that know so little about horses to effect such change and hardship on so many is wrong and should not be allowed. Those of you with influence should take the time to attend some events and actually see and talk to the participants before making such a far reaching and profound decision.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 07:22 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, to whom it may concern I am writing in comment about the "proposed rodeo and animal exhibition ban." Please look at this for what it is, it is not about "animal welfare" it is about pushing/forcing a belief system onto others, it is a modern day holy war. And there MUST be separation between church and state. Animal activists have a belief system that preys upon human emotions with relation to animals. They promote anthropomorphic ways of thinking and use violence to push their agenda if twisting the human emotion doesn't work. It is a belief system, it is a religion, it is a cult... if this were one "recognized" religious group inciting violence and forcing their belief system into legislation, there would be widespread uproar. Common sense, not emotion, is needed in society now more than ever. Please do not allow one religion to slip its agenda silently into legislation, this cannot be allowed.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Tío Kleberg  
**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 07:25 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Keep rodeo alive

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shelley Mitchell

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 07:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Horse shows and rodeos have strict rules about animal welfare, and those animals are cared for (even if, for no other reason, they are expensive to breed and maintain and train). Many people are no longer involved in any sort of ag, do not know where their food comes from, and are not familiar with ranch practices such as branding, doctoring, etc. These events are a tradition that keeps people engaged in at least a little bit of agriculture, and perhaps lets them see what goes on “behind the scenes”. There is very little abuse and it is not tolerated. Let the industry professionals do their jobs. Let people enjoy the animals and the sport. Not to mention the people whose livelihoods are based in or around the industry.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 07:36 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I humbly request that you not fall prey to the animal activist with your legislation.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 07:36 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This ordinance to ban rodeos and training of animals should not go through. People that participate in these events treat their animals very well by developing a relationship with them. Training is done through give and take. Just like you would teach your pet dog not to jump or get on the furniture. Or how you teach him to walk beside you on the leash. The animals are not harmed. This language in this ordinance talks about not training any animal. So this would apply to any dog, cat, or hamster that you have as a pet. Not just horses and cows etc. Furthermore if we can't train a horse to round up cattle, how will cattle get rounded up for market? How will we get food? A vehicle is not adept at suddenly reversing and making a sharp turn to keep one cow in with the herd. Also, much of the land is not traversable by vehicle. Please do not ban rodeo and other animal events in your county! Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Joe Anderson

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 07:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The audacity to ban a national pass time only because you think everyone should have the exact same view as your minority group has is irrational and unacceptable



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brad Garman

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 08:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** More ridiculous legislation from people who don't and won't use these natural places no matter what the law says.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathleen Kirsan  
**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 08:46 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** California has more horses than any state in the union. They are used for work, pleasure and sport. The owners of the horses are experienced horse people who have invested time, energy and great amounts of money for the care, training and keeping of their horses. For you to even consider a bill to strip the rights and heritage, and many cases employment of those citizens is not only unfair, it's legally actionable. We, the horse owners and breeders of California will do whatever we need to do to protect and sustain our way of life. I think it would be wise to stop and consider the consequences of this 'woke' radical bill.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 09:03 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Julie Schram

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 09:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** My question is why are you all only listening to one side and going their way???? i am a rancher, animal owner, livestock owner. this is all about taking all of my rights away!!!!!!!!!! Shame on all of you! it is hard enough to make a living on the ranch and now you want to take more away from me and the rest of us?!!!!!!!!!! you all need to hear both sides and listen and hear us! thank you Julie Schram

## Communication from Public

**Name:** J. Goff

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 10:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Los Angeles City Council Members: Thank you for taking the time to read my public comment. I am writing to you in regards to the ordinance, (20-1575), 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 incremental step in their plan. These groups use emotional rhetoric and misinformation to manipulate public opinion. They purposely ignore facts and current animal welfare standards. If there are concerns about rodeo and rodeo-type events consultations should be conducted with actual experts in rodeo, animal welfare, and from independent large-animal veterinarians and then strongly considered. I urge you to take into account the track record of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). The PRCA has had animal welfare rules in place since 1947 and currently have over 70 rules protecting the livestock used in currently sanctioned rodeos. The PRCA has also had a 99.9% safety rating for the past 4 years. I am asking the Los Angeles City Council to look at this issue from the side of animal welfare, not the ideology of animal rights. I urge you to consult with true subject matter experts on this issue before you vote to approve ordinance language that will impact a large sector of your constituents. Following the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ordinance as the city attorney was directed to do would effectively ban all animal exhibitions including dog shows, cat shows, horse shows, 4H and FFA projects in the city. The banning of the equipment listed would also effectively ban rodeo and other animal exhibition forms from Los Angeles. This in turn would create an economic void for event vendors, exhibitors, competitors, and the community and set a dangerous precedent. Thank you for your time, J. Goff

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Alora Wilkerson

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 04:33 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am against the ban on Rodeo events and similar equine activities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** MICHELLE DIAZ

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 09:57 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The Bulls are taken way better care of than some vegans who try and take care of themselves. Maybe ask someone to see how they are cared for instead of just assuming. Like I said some vegans don't even know what the CARE is.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Xylem Galadhon

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 02:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers: I am writing to express my full support for the rodeo inhumane implements ban in the City of Los Angeles, which was passed unanimously by CouncilMembers in February 2021. Rodeos are disturbing spectacles of animal cruelty that inflict tremendous suffering on animals forced to perform. The City of Los Angeles has always taken a progressive approach to animal welfare and I commend the City Council for voting in favor of this Ordinance. I urge you to follow up to help ensure the rodeo inhumane implements ban is signed into law. Sincerely, Dr. X. Galadhon



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Minane Jameson

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 02:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Honorable Council Members, While I'm not a resident of LA, I do live only about 15 miles from a rodeo facility here in northern CA. What I have witnessed happening at this facility should be considered inhumane treatment of animals. I've learned a lot about rodeos over the years, and the more you know, the more you realize that this form of entertainment should be banned once and for all. To make matters worse, trucking these poor animals to rodeos adds to climate change, which is another darn good reason to say enough is enough. Sincerely, Minane Jameson Hayward, CA

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Susan Luke  
**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 03:21 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Leave these events alone!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Elizabeth

**Date Submitted:** 08/13/2021 03:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE support the ban of inhumane instruments in the rodeo industry! We as a society are better than this! Tradition is Not a reason for cruel abuse.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lynn Dahnke

**Date Submitted:** 08/13/2021 05:22 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Bull riding is an a American tradition, and today's bulls are treated better than the homeless in L A. Honestly, the bulls bucking in PBR, WNFR, and other sanctioned rodeos are cared for, insured, and gave regular vet visits.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Timothy E Davis

**Date Submitted:** 08/13/2021 08:16 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Veronica

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 12:47 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing as an L.A. Resident to express my full support for the rodeo inhumane implements ban. Rodeos are disturbing spectacles of animal cruelty that inflict tremendous suffering on animals forced to perform. I expect more from a city that has historically taken a progressive approach to animal welfare. I urge you to follow up to help ensure the rodeo inhumane implements ban is signed into law.

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karen P

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 06:31 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Bull riding should NOT be banned. Bulls are well-treated and well-loved, they generate entertainment and income alike. This sport is a part of American culture and history, please do not ban it out of ignorance.



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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sandra Materi

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 08:55 AM

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Sandra Materi

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mari Smeti

**Date Submitted:** 08/14/2021 09:04 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

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