

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Members of the Los Angeles City Council: I respectfully oppose any proposal to ban rodeos and equestrian events in Los Angeles. Los Angeles County has a long and proud history connected to horses, ranching, and Western traditions. Communities throughout the region have preserved these traditions for generations, and rodeos remain an important part of that heritage. These events bring together families, horse owners, youth organizations, ranchers, and community members in a positive and educational environment. Many young people are introduced to responsibility, horsemanship, animal care, and agricultural skills through rodeo and equestrian activities. Rodeos help preserve knowledge and traditions that are an important part of California's history and culture. A ban would also have economic consequences. Rodeos support local horse owners, trainers, veterinarians, feed stores, tack suppliers, transportation companies, and many small businesses that depend on the equine industry. These events attract visitors and generate economic activity throughout the region. Animal welfare is important, and existing laws should be enforced to ensure that all animals are treated humanely. However, an outright ban is not the answer. Responsible rodeo organizations can continue to operate while meeting appropriate standards for animal care and safety. I urge the City Council to reject a rodeo ban and instead pursue policies that protect animal welfare while preserving the cultural traditions, educational opportunities, and economic benefits that rodeos provide to our communities. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Donald Spratley Compton, California [City or Neighborhood]