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Comments for Public Posting: You cannot and should not ban rodeo, or ANY other equine related activities! I don't know why this is happening when there are so many totally off the wall activities that you DO allow! California is really in a bad way, equine activities must remain an important part of California, AND all throughout tge United States! As a lifelong horsewoman, I will not allow well funded activist organizations to be make the rules!

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Name: Mekenna

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is a uniquely American tradition rooted in our country's history and identity. It celebrates the lifestyle of the West and the melting pot of cultures that have made it something idealized by people around the globe. The cowboy is an American icon that represents freedom, work ethic, and connection with the natural world through the animals that have made our survival possible. Rodeo is the truest showcase of all the ideals that made America. It's a celebration of not only what humans are capable of, but what extraordinary animal athletes can achieve. These animals aren't just livestock. They're our friends, our partners, and our competition. They push us to be the best people we can be and we care deeply about them. These animals are beloved by all, and no one cherishes them more than the cowboys and cowgirls who work with them in and out of the arena. Animal welfare is the guiding principle of rodeo, and we have countless internal regulations mandated to keep these animals safe and healthy while showing off their skills. According to the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, less than 1% of individual events result in any animal injury (large or small). Another rodeo organization, the Professional Bull Riders, reports a 0.0002% injury rate in their bulls. Rodeo is exceptionally safe for the animals involved. The risk is minimal and the reward is great. These animals get to lead fulfilling lives with great enrichment, exercise regimens, and high-quality care. Large sums of money are spent to keep them safe and healthy- and this benefits more than just the animals. Rodeo is an extremely popular sporting event that attracts large crowds of people to every event. This generates revenue for the communities that host these events. From local groups and businesses selling concessions on-site, to hotels renting rooms to competitors and fans alike, to fueling stations that provide fuel and snacks, the entire community benefits when a rodeo comes to town. Banning rodeo in L.A. harms the community and serves no benefit to the animal or human competitors. I urge you not to support this ban.