

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gary Iscoe

**Date Submitted:** 11/26/2025 07:17 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My name is Gary Iscoe, speaking from Florida. Though I'm not a Los Angeles resident, I stand with those calling for a ban on rodeo tools like flank straps, spurs (only in rodeo), and electric prods. This isn't about sport — it's about harm. Flank straps are made to cause pain — cinched tight where the hide is thinnest. They don't make a horse or bull buck from spirit — they make him buck from fear. Electric prods do the same, hidden behind the scenes. If a sport needs pain to start, it ain't a sport — it's a show built on suffering. Some may claim rodeo honors cowboy tradition. But that tradition — the real one — is written in the Cowboy Code, and it's one I've come to know well: "Do what has to be done" never meant "do whatever draws a reaction." "Be tough, but fair" never meant pushing animals to suffer for the sake of entertainment. "Be a good steward of the land and its animals" includes every horse behind the gate, every calf and bull in the chute. I'll be honest — what breaks me most is watching bronc horses get whipped into motion, seeing those spurs drive into their necks with every forced jolt. I don't care what kind of rowel it is — the motion alone causes harm. Spurs were meant to guide. Not punish. And in the wrong hands, they cross the line. What we see in rodeos today isn't heritage — it's spectacle. Tex Ritter once sang about "blood on the saddle, blood on the ground, and a great big puddle of blood all around." That song ain't just sorrow — it's a warning. One rider chose wrong, and the land remembered. Let's choose better. Let's follow the part of the Code that calls us to be tolerant and understanding, especially when tradition gets used to defend cruelty. Pass this ban and show that Los Angeles can still tell the difference between courage and cruelty. Thank you.

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please outlaw rodeos in Los Angeles!

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeos are morally despicable and should be banned in Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tracy

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm asking that you please pass an outright ban on rodeo. It is a cruel "sport" enslaving animals who are NOT athletes and it is abusive to dominate animals in a public arena and force them to perform.