

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:33 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the rodeo ordinance because animals are tortured, killed, injured, beaten, choked, stabbed and forced to perform for humans. There are mechanical bulls for people to entertain themselves without hurting animals. Let animals be free!

Communication from Public

Name: Claudia Acosta

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:34 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban rodeos. These events are part of our culture and history. This is a harmless tradition that brings people together.

Communication from Public

Name: Cat Soria

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 03:59 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban rodeo in Los Angeles

Communication from Public

Name: Nicole Kuba

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 05:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: RE: Item 15 Rodeo Ban Support I am writing to urge you and all your colleagues to support a rodeo ban in Los Angeles. Rodeos are inherently cruel and barbaric, where domesticated and docile animals are tortured and tormented with painful devices in order to entertain. Make history by making LA a compassionate rodeo free city. Nicole Kuba

Communication from Public

Name: Barrera

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:02 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Banning Rodeos Would Be Stripping Americans Of Our Heritage. I'm From Oklahoma, And Every Year I Look Forward To The Events Here In LA. I Love Animals More Than People Sometimes, And Even I Know PBR Practices Safe Handling And Care For All Animals And Stock. C'mon LA, Do Better. LONG LIVE AMERICAN RODEOS!

Communication from Public

Name: Hector Gomez

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 10:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding. If the Ban on Rodeo goes through it will not only stop rodeos, but it will take with it generations of culture & tradition; and deprive future generations from a set of skills that are rooted in the hardworking Ranchers.

Communication from Public

Name: Pedro Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 05:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Me and a large part of the community are completely against the banning of bull riding and rodeo events and find it to be offensive as it is part of our culture and the claim that animals are hurt in these activities is completely absurd!

Communication from Public

Name: Gary Eugene Houts

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am totally against the proposed ban on rodeo. You have a few people that have no clue about rodeo or the animals used. These are some of the most well cared for animals you will ever see. From the stock contractor down to the Cowboys everybody takes care of the animals or they don't make money. Plus a bull or a horse will only work roughly 5 MINUTES a year. Again, I am totally against the ban. Please vote NO.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Repp

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 06:38 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: We live in an enlightened age and in particular the pain and suffering of animals is no longer acceptable because of the knowledge we have now gained. Is it not time to send a message that animal abuse in entertainment is no longer acceptable...be part of the change! End the rodeo! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 07:37 AM

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Communication from Public

Name: Isabel

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 08:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Isabel and I am strongly opposed to this rodeo ordinance. How can a city fully appreciate a cultural practice with their beloved pets? There's no data supplied to us with proving that it endangers the health and safety of animals. Why attack the rodeo practice and not the wealthier sports like polo and other equestrian activities. This ordinance would affect our equestrian and agricultural communities. Why do you refuse to ban polo or hunter jumper which also use spurs, and have instead gone after our cultural traditions? We strongly disagree with this ordinance and will continue to advocate for our community, heritage, and culture!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 09:09 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I believe that the banning of Rodeo or any western sports in America would be a very big mistake. I have seen the families that I've benefited from the western lifestyle whether it be Rodeo or any other horse and animal related activity. Anybody in these events and sports their number one priority is the care of whatever animal they are in this with, it is probably the best family oriented structure in America today. Keeping families close and tight.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 08:19 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo animals are athletes. My family has been involved in Rodeos my entire life, my son carries on this tradition as well. Banning Rodeos is banning a way of life. Do not ban Rodeos.

Communication from Public

Name: Anastasio Monje

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 08:37 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: My daughter has been riding horses since she was 4 years. By riding horses she has learned how to care for them, cleaned after them. My daughter is in competition, escaramuzas, it's teaching her our Mexican culture. My daughter looks amazing with her big long beautiful dress on top of her horse. And the men with their charros suits are just a beautiful Mexican culture. Let's not forget the cowboys and cowgirls that work hard everyday for these horses as well. We can all benefit from riding horses. It gives you freedom, confidence, dependability, character, pride, joy, and such happiness. Horse back riding , competitions should not be taken away. If horses are well taken care of then, what's the problem? Why fix something that is not broken? Horses need us humans as we need them.

Communication from Public

Name: Erica

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:49 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to the Rodeo Ordinance because it interferes with cultural practice. These horse owners love their horses like family. Does a pollo player use a spur for their horses with the same care as rodeo horse owners. Yes! Why only penalize one group of horse owner versus another? These ordinances need to be applied equally to all or none at all!

Communication from Public

Name: B. Fernandez

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:16 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Annamarie Jones

Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 02:25 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote in favor of the L.A. Rodeo Ban (Council file #20-1575) Animals abused by the rodeo industry are chased, wrangled, roped & tormented for entertainment. Animals like horses, bulls, steers & calves can suffer painful injuries including broken ribs, backs, tails & legs, punctured lungs, internal organ damage, snapped necks & agonizing deaths. This abuse is horrendous and unacceptable and there is no excuse for it.

Communication from Public

Name: Ethan Kayser

Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 02:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my support for Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's ordinance to ban rodeos from the city of Los Angeles. Simply put, animals are here WITH us, not FOR us. The horses, bulls, steer, calves and other animals that are used in rodeos exist for their own purpose, not to be used by humans for entertainment. Worse still, those animals are often injured in rodeos, which can often lead to broken ribs, backs, and legs, torn tails, punctured lungs, internal organ damage, ripped tendons, torn ligaments, snapped necks, and agonizing deaths. Rodeos normalize animal abuse - and animal abuse has no place in Los Angeles. If we want Los Angeles to be a city of angels, a city of peace, then we need to ban rodeos.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:17 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the rodeo ordinance because animals should live happy lives instead of being exploited for profit. I find it morally unjustifiable to force animals to perform for public consumption, which often leads to fatal injuries. It's not right to bring an animal into the world for this purpose.

Communication from Public

Name: Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee
Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 02:48 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter from the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee dated 12-03-2023

CITY OF LOS ANGELES

CALIFORNIA

LOS ANGELES EQUINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

CITY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES:

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December 3, 2023

Mayor Karen Bass and LA City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Proposed City-Wide Ban on Rodeo Events in Los Angeles

To: Members, Los Angeles City Council,

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee, formed in 2008 by the City Council to advise on matters pertaining to horses, would like to express our concerns about the proposals currently under deliberation by the Los Angeles City Council, one of which advocates for a ban on certain reasonable instruments important for the safety of both animal and humans participating in equestrian sports and a recent proposal to adopt a comprehensive city-wide ban on rodeo activities.

While we deeply value and support concerns about animal welfare, we believe that a balanced perspective, recognizing responsible horsemanship practices and cultural heritage, is essential when considering such a significant regulatory measure. We are concerned that the City Council has not adequately considered this ordinance, particularly the most recent submission by the department of Animal Services, prior to its consideration. For this reason, we strongly recommend tabling the motion pending further consideration and discussion.

Specifically, it is imperative that:

1. Tools such as Spurs, whips, tie-downs, and ropes, which, when used judiciously and competently, are essential tools that facilitate effective communication between riders and their equine companions, and which contribute to safety for both rider and horse by aiding in steering, guiding, and maintaining control, especially in challenging circumstances, should not be subject to blanket prohibition as a result of language used in this ordinance.
2. Authentic representations of cultural practices that celebrate the heritage, skills, and shared bonds between humans and animals are not prohibited as a result of this ordinance
3. Competent and responsible training practices that use tools that have been specifically mentioned in discussions of this ordinance should not be prohibited as a result of this ordinance, as long as industry regulations and animal welfare standards are upheld. Appropriate training practices are integral to responsible horsemanship, fostering care, respect, and effective communication with the animals, which is vital to maintaining trust and cooperation between humans and horses.

We urge you to remember that there are numerous existing state and local statutes and regulations prohibiting animal cruelty. As we have previously indicated, we believe that strengthening and enforcement of these statutes and regulations is most appropriate, not a new ordinance predicated on the inflammatory contention that rodeo constitutes animal abuse per se.

In 2019, the equine industry contributed \$8.3 billion to California's GDP, employing hundreds of thousands. This industry supports numerous jobs and businesses, including veterinarians, farriers, trainers, tack stores, feed stores, truck sales, trailer sales, boarding facilities, and more. While we are not aware of data specific to Los Angeles, it is essential that any proposed ordinance not adversely affect the equine industry.

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Given the foregoing, including the substantial economic contribution of the equine industry, we respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to specifically consider any proposal to ban rodeo, or the tools or implements used therein, in light of its potential negative effects on the diverse, cross-cultural community equestrian community of Los Angeles. We believe that a balanced approach, emphasizing education, adherence to established animal welfare laws, guidelines, and collaboration with equestrian experts, will better achieve the desired outcomes while safeguarding the legacy of equestrian culture in the city of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Ramey", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

David W. Ramey, DVM President. Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee

Creation of the Equine Advisory Committee (EAC) was approved unanimously by City Council on February 6, 2009. Council File 07-4097. Members of the Committee are appointed by their respective Council-members and Mayor. There will be limited Public Comment on Agenda Items following Item Discussion. Agenda items may be taken out of order.

Communication from Public

Name: Elizabeth Murfitt

Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 02:59 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Gratuitous cruelty on this scale would be unthinkable in the UK. The USA is centuries behind we British when it comes to enlightened legislation and animal welfare. You should be ashamed of yourselves for putting up with this. For goodness' sake, save these innocent and suffering animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Max
Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 06:08 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: I urge the LA city council to OPPOSE the Ban on Bull Riding and Rodeo.

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Name: Robert Strelke

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Name: Yesenia Palomera Ollervides

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 04:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against banning rodeo events around the city. Councilman Bob Blumentield has led the animal-extremist backed attack on western heritage, flip-flopping all along the way. But now, his intentions are perfectly clear. What started with an ordinance to ban certain rodeo equipment has been revealed as a direct assault on rodeo banning, bull riding, bronc riding, steer wrestling, team roping, tie-down roping, and similar events and activities. Such activities that bring family and friends together.

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Name: Elena

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Name: Eddy Juarez

Date Submitted: 12/02/2023 11:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban rodeos in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Anaiz Ruiz

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 05:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles City Council I am ashamed at you. You have sold yourself to gentrification. You removed farms far from LA, removed livestock, removed communities of color, and killed the soul of LA and created food deserts. Now you intend to move forward to try and do this on other communities. The animals in our equestrian community are loved and cared for. Focus on infrastructure, because of your inadequacies of enforcing all your rules into overcrowded areas now the tax payer has to pick up yet another freeway 10 renovation project.

Communication from Public

Name: JT Urrea

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 06:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express very strong opposition to the Rodeo Ordinance. This ordinance is too broad and will result in unfair enforcement impacting many cultural events and activities. The catch-all definition including “rodeo-like events” leaves room for confusion as to what other cultural events will be impacted, such as Mexican charreadas. Charreadas may be lesser known to the average Animal Services employee but may become subject to this new rule when they are called out to enforce. The ordinance also regulates certain tools labeled as inhumane but only considers them inhumane in the context of a Rodeo, impacting certain communities (especially those of color) and sports in the city, while allowing others that use the same tools to continue unaffected. For example, a polo player wouldn't be included in the Rodeo ordinance and therefore, allowed to use spurs however a participant of a charreada using spurs will be subject to city fines and enforcement. This is unfair and does not support humane animal practices or a level playing field. Equestrian groups statewide have their eyes on Los Angeles today because of the negative ripple effects that this policy will have on these customs and activities throughout California. I am a horse owner and active participant in the Charreada traditions of my Mexican heritage. I am based in the San Gabriel Valley, specifically, Avocado Heights. Please VOTE NO on this ordinance to avoid unfair enforcement and the ending of various cultural events and activities that are very important to the Mexican and Mexican-American residents of the City of Los Angeles and the surrounding communities. Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Eric

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 06:10 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: We are against the rodeo ban, Our culture, way of life, how we choose to live is being slowly taken away for just misunderstandings, misinformation received by people with other motives that do not have anything to do with equine related events. Growing up in El Monte I've seen ranch areas disappear and condos, multi units rise in numbers creating an overpopulation issue which creates more violence in our community. As well as a street parking issue, rise in traffic which this area is not fit for. We choose this city to live in for the fact of the simple rich in cultures our families represent. We proudly and safely practice them to never forget where we come from. It holds us just a bit closer to what our parents left to give themselves and children a better life. Unfortunately only to be met with injustice like these. We ask you let us bring our children up with better, healthier, simpler, Happier ways of life that are far more memorable than what the new world issues are creating. We are sad you all perhaps were deprived of this but no reason to let the future suffer. please let us live as what we hope is still somewhat of a free country. Don't let corruption, greed mis information destroy something so precious that the god lord gave us to enjoy n love!

Communication from Public

Name: D Larry Richter

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 09:17 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DO NOT BAN RODEO IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA!!! A BIG MISTAKE IF THIS IS PASSED BY CITY COUNCIL. HISTORY NEEDS TO BE PROTECTED.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 11:12 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not believe the falsehoods from extremist groups spreading incorrect information on rodeo and how animals are supposedly mistreated. Please listen to real animal experts and understand that these animals are treated with the best of care and provides a useful job for them.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 11:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo should be protected and celebrated, it is a part of culture and southwest heritage.

Communication from Public

Name: Shelley E Mitchell

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 12:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Many people have no knowledge of anything related to agriculture. Only about 2% of the US population is involved in agriculture, leading to a large amount of ag illiteracy. When it comes to livestock, people are involved because they love the animals and working with them. It takes a lot of hard work in all weather and at all hours to be successful with livestock. It is a labor of love. It is also in a rancher's best interest to keep the animals healthy and as stress-free as possible. Stress will affect meat quality, injuries will affect the hide and the meat (even injections given incorrectly can harm the meat). Stressing or hurting an animal will have negative financial consequences, so those actions are avoided or diminished. There are lots of animal handling equipment made to be as gentle as possible. Temple Grandin has done a lot to improve animal handling practices, and those practices are safer for the animals and better for everyone's bottom line. It doesn't pay to hurt animals. Training is necessary for everyone's safety. For instance, horses are prey animals. They are fight-or-flight responses on the hoof. If you spook a horse, their reaction can hurt people, other livestock, property, etc. By training an animal, it is safer to work with. Even in emergency situations, an unhandled or untrained horse can make themselves worse off by aggravating injuries, or can hurt the vet and make treatment impossible. Unhandled livestock is 'handled' with dart guns as a last measure, to help the animal and keep everyone safe. Just like you would train a children to not run out into the street, horse training keeps them safe and less stressed. Working with animals teaches children about responsibility and hard work. They also have to work as a team with their animal, so they have to communicate clearly and behave in safe ways. Interactions with horses and other animals can help with physical, emotional, and mental issues. The animals also enjoy the interactions, which are often accompanied by pets, snacks, grooming, etc. Animals and humans have worked together for thousands of years. There is nothing cruel with riding a horse or a bucking bull. Some of the animals understand our expectations, and buck when they need to, and are perfect riding horses when they don't.

Communication from Public

Name: Camille Sanders

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:43 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support LA Rodeo. Please vote that it will be able to stay. This is a generational event with tons of memories. Please keep the traditions going.

Communication from Public

Name: Lacey Parsons

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 03:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I write in opposition of the rodeo ban ordinance in Los Angeles. Please allow me to begin by saying that rodeo is not only a fun event for the entire family, but it is also packed full of history...the same history that shaped California. Rodeo is the only sporting event that holds both God and Country in high regard. From the lowest level of competition to the highest level of competition, every event begins with a prayer and the singing of the National Anthem. A big concern for many who do not know or understand rodeo is animal welfare. What may be most misunderstood is the love that we, the cowboys and cowgirls, have for these animals. As a competitor myself, I can tell you that my horses ALWAYS eat before I do. I spend hundreds to thousands of dollars a month ensuring that they are healthy and happy. They eat the best feed, they are given supplements regularly to keep them healthy and comfortable, they receive chiropractic care, magnetic treatments, massage and more, they get pedicures every 6 weeks, they ride in a \$100,000 trailer with air ride suspension, fresh shavings, fresh water and fresh food. They are not just tools. They are my partners...my teammates. As for the additional livestock (bulls, bucking horses, roping steers, calves) I know that they too receive the best care. Just like our horses, they receive the best feed, supplements, alternative care like swim therapy, chiropractic, magnawave, laser therapy and more. And believe it or not, these animals, specifically bucking stock, love their jobs. One may believe that they need contraptions to "make" them buck...but that is not the case. It is in their blood. They love what they do! Tools like flank straps are not there to hurt, pinch or injure. A flank strap is a lot like a belt. It is not placed around the genitals of the animal. It does not hurt them in the least. When it comes to calves, it needs to be stated that they are not fragile like a puppy. Their hide is leather. It is thick and strong. The act of tie down roping historically was how cowboys would doctor sick calves in the pastures (and still do today). The calves in the tie down roping are strong and healthy. Yes, on occasion, livestock does get injured. So do cowboys. So do people driving their morning commute. Accidents and injuries happen in every event and every sport. Rodeo athletes (this includes livestock) are no different. If you have never been to a rodeo, then you have never seen cowboys pray over the stock

before every event. You have never seen cowboys get choked up when a bucking horse that has proven to be the best in the business is honored and retired. I can sympathize with the fact that rodeo can be hard to understand if you haven't spent time around it, but I urge you to make your decision with an open mind. Talk with the cowboys and cowgirls, the stock contractors, the rodeo personnel, and the announcers. We want to share our world with you, as it is rich in history and culture and passion and love. I urge you to please rethink this ordinance and vote against a rodeo ban. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Joan Hicks

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:29 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Don't let "I" person's "FALSE" opinion be more important than the "TRUTH". We used to stand for TRUTH, JUSTICE AND THE AMERICAN WAY instead we're seeing UNTRUTH, UNJUSTICE and the UNAMERICAN WAY!!!!

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Communication from Public

Name: David

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 04:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: No offense but LA is becoming a city that begins to lose its entertainment value. First CA Inposes its will on the movie industry and filming begins to leave to other cities. Now we want to ban bull riding because it seems inhumane. I've watched it and although it looks rough I'm sure the animals are treated better than some of our own citizens. Next thing you know a ban results in the PBR leaving the city and thus revenue and jobs gone. Come one the City Council needs to tackle real pressing concerns rather than attack the PBR. What's next? Someone finding offense to something else and the Council banning that too?

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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop the rodeo! There's nothing entertaining about it for the animals involved!

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Name: Harriet E. Cohen

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Communication from Public

Name: Giovanna Lopez
Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 12:31 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Opposing the ban

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 12:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Why would you Ban rodeo? The Western way of life still lives on and I do not support this! These animals are cared for with the upmost respect and dedication! Please do not support this!

Communication from Public

Name: Edwin Calderon
Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 05:16 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Bucking bulls are among the most cared for animals in any sport. They are fed the best feeding grain because they must maintain themselves for athleticism. Theoretically ,they only work eight seconds a day and only weekends. Their handlers take very good care of them because they are investments just like any other super athlete is being taken care of by his/her manager. So many families enjoy going to the rodeo to mainly see bull riding. It's been an American tradition throughout our history, and it must be protected and maintained.

Communication from Public

Name: Lucy

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 12:48 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a young professional who has witnessed the trauma of this cruelty first hand, I urge you to vote in favor of the L.A. Rodeo Ban (council file #20-1575). Animals abused by the rodeo industry are chased, wrangled, roped and tormented for entertainment. Animals like horses, bulls, steers, and calves can suffer painful injuries, including broken ribs, backs, legs, and tails, punctured lungs, internal organ damage, snapped necks and agonizing deaths. This abuse is horrendous and unacceptable and there is no excuse for it.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:26 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the rodeo ordinance becuase animals are forced, beaten, choked, electrocuted, stabbed, & tortured to perform. there are mechanical bulls for peolple to entertain themselves without hurting animals. Ban rodeos now!

Communication from Public

Name: S. Vasco

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 01:45 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached public comment. -S. Vasquez

December 5th, 2023

Los Angeles City Council,

The Rodeo Ban proponents would like for you to believe that this ordinance is about animal welfare and ending animal abuse but there is nothing that can be further from the truth.

Rodeo and charrería are already heavily regulated under State law and require that we go to great lengths to care for the wellbeing of animals within the sport, including having vets on site at most events.

Yet, in spite of existing rules, this ordinance has gone to great lengths to frame us in the worst light while avoiding how the ordinance might impact communities of color (and immigrant communities) within the city of Los Angeles who would likely be targeted disproportionately. This impacts us because Los Angeles communities like the San Fernando Valley, where it is estimated to have had a 100,000 horses, includes high Latino/a population and the community of Sylmar is as different from Malibu and Agoura Hills that it might as well be a different state.¹

The proposed ordinance would perpetuate discrimination against our communities and the equestrian traditions we cherish because it unfairly targets rodeo, charrería and jaripeo-style events at the same time that statewide policies, such as SB-35, threaten the few remaining agricultural and equestrian communities within the City—which, in spite of a land use policy designation that remains the most historically consistent, continue being at risk of disappearing. An article from the San Fernando Sun narrates how housing policies are at odds with equestrian neighborhoods:

Communities of color are already vulnerable and haven't been able to stop gentrification in their neighborhoods and have been pushed out.

...The new law will change the character of single-family neighborhoods, and at its heart will be real estate interests. Opponents maintain an example of the new law can already be seen in Latino communities throughout Los Angeles.

They say it is ironically pushing out hardworking families who have lived in their communities for generations.

Sylmar's equine community believes the new law — if not appealed case-by-case — could forever change the long-held tradition and large tightly knit equine community that makes up a most unique fabric in Sylmar.

¹ <https://www.latimes.com/archives/la-xpm-1993-08-18-me-24984-story.html>

It could leave homes here, some of which sit on a ½ acre of land or more that is zoned for horses and stables without protection despite the community's work to protect it.²

The Rodeo Ban, if adopted, will further exacerbate racial disparities with no safeguards in place to prevent our community's displacement. Our neighborhoods are at risk of being further chastised and this is evident in the exclusion of our voices from stakeholder engagement prior to the vote this Tuesday.

We are concerned these additional regulations are an attack on cultural traditions with zero transparency or substantive data to support the assertions that establishes how Rodeo participants use "instruments of torture" and engage in "animal abuse."

From the very beginning, the intent of the law has been to advance animal rights extremism by creating a new class of animal abuse where previously none existed. When Bob Blumenfield was unsuccessful at drafting regulations for prohibiting instruments used in Rodeo (spurs, rowels, cattle prods), he then proceeded to push an outright ban on rodeo, which would include annual events in our County like the Bill Pickett all black Rodeo or backyard charreadas in the San Fernando Valley.³ The original ordinance would have *even* dismantled the LAPD mounted division because the riders use spurs.

The author of the Rodeo Ban has sought to define rodeo enthusiasts as participating in animal cruelty while failing to address cruelty within the City's own animal shelter program. Last month, the City moved to "halt new permits for dog breeding" to reduce overcrowding after approving 2,152 licenses last year. There has been intense criticism highlighting systemwide failures within the shelter system where animals are alive but locked in kennels in overcrowded conditions described as "inhumane, and worse than euthanizing them peacefully."⁴ According to available data, the City of LA has increased euthanasia 9% from previous year for this same time frame resulting in a total of 6,125 shelter animals euthanized so far this year.⁵

Hansen Dam in San Fernando Valley is a City owned park that previously hosted charreada events. The general manager, Marnye Langer, has worked hard to comply with City rules by diverting manure from his horse stables from entering our waterways. Still, he describes that even when abiding by the rules, management remains difficult:

'Dealing with strict regulations and fines makes horse owners feel they are being pushed out of urban areas,'

² <https://sanfernandosun.com/2021/10/13/equine-community-of-sylmar-will-meet-with-councilmember-monica-rodriguez-virtually/>

³ Initial draft of ordinance went after rodeo instruments *also* used in Olympic equestrian events such as those the City will host in 2028.

⁴ <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-12-03/animal-shelters-overflow#:~:text=An%20overcrowding%20crisis%20has%20gripped,foster%20animals%20in%20their%20homes.>

⁵ <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Xj7YhD6P6iTd9t-1Vgs1GYaDd1jlk89k/view>, [WoofStat 2023-10 Oct.pdf]

Langer said, 'so I think this is such a positive way to show larger communities, 'Hey, we're good neighbors and we're good for a community in so many ways.'⁶

These efforts to comply with existing rules is why residents are wary about a Rodeo Ban ordinance that is disconnected from sustainable urban food systems and animal husbandry. The ban fails to acknowledge that Rodeo advocates are more interested in small-scale subsistence farming rather than the intensive animal farming animal rights activist have traditionally targeted. Rodeo seeks to harness a skill set useful for those working with livestock and a lifestyle that was developed to allow that work to happen.

But animal rights extremists would have you believe we're the problem. Rather than fighting industrial food production involving animals for the consumption of meat, animal rights extremists are targeting low hanging fruit by challenging animal welfare in Rodeo and charreada events. Rather than abolishing the slaughterhouses and industrial dairies that incite their community, they have instead decided to target us.

Best regards,
/s/
S. Vazquez

⁶ <https://www.dailynews.com/2023/10/20/la-equestrian-facility-protects-rivers-by-getting-horse-owners-to-scoop-the-poop/>

Communication from Public

Name: Sam Kirkeby

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 02:10 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to oppose the rodeo ban in Los Angeles for numerous reasons including the following; it is unnecessary as the PRCA has over 100 rules and regulations in place to assure animal welfare is of the highest importance in the rodeo community, it is overtly discriminatory targeting primarily Latino and Mexican communities and cultural traditions while conveniently leaving out bigger money events like dressage and polo, it is badly worded and could be easily misused and misinterpreted, it has not been written or endorsed by equine professionals or veterinarians, it has been given traction by the use of inflammatory & extremist language which in no way reflects the outstanding care that the vast majority of rodeo animals are treated with by the people who love and share their lives with them. There are animals out there who truly need our help and are actually abused and mistreated. The exceptional equine athletes and livestock in American rodeo are not among them. These treasured athletes & partners have better medical care, nutrition and health benefits than most people on the planet. I also have read & I endorse the letter sent by the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee and I strongly believe it reflects the beliefs of the vast majority of those of us in the Los Angeles equestrian community. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Marta Navarro

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 05:54 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The ordinance in question is discriminatory in nature to the Hispanic community and other communities of color. Rodeos and Charrería are deeply rooted in Mexican tradition. Please don't attempt to erase an entire culture of people that are trying to keep a long standing tradition alive. Consider speaking with charro associations in the area and seek to understand what you're attempting to eliminate. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sebastian Gonzalez

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 06:11 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: City Council please stop Los Angeles' radical progressivism — eliminating rodeos is like turning your back on a tradition as hallowed as apple pie. Rodeo is the original sport of America. You taking it away is taking away a custom not only across America but across borders that practice sports like Charrería here in Los Angeles. This year Clasico de las Americas UNITED women from all over the world with different horse disciplines to display their horsemanship skills and beautiful cultural traditions. This file outlaws the use of spurs, lassos, & lariats which if a horse or any animal is in heat would be pretty challenging to control. Some of us ride for sport, others for leisure, and connect back to our roots and pass this life long tradition of animal keeping to our children. I'm asking you today to vote NO on council file 20-1575 and help us preserve a sport that represents and United cultures across the world.

Communication from Public

Name: Candice Rosa

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 06:44 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance to ban anything related to the rodeo, yet excluding Polo and other typically wealthy activities is clearly entrenched in racial bias and an attempt to hurt brown and black communities that participate. I live in Los Angeles and work as a film maker. I have nothing to do with the rodeo, yet I fully support its existence and the existence of all its activities that surround it. It is one of the few things that is uniquely ours as westerners and has a long standing history in the Chicano and Latino communities that must be preserved. Please strike down this obviously racially targeted ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Flores

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 04:00 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: There are already laws in place regarding rodeo equipment and usage in California. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association also has over 70 rules pertaining to the safety of the livestock and contestants. These laws and rules already address spurs, flank straps and electric prod usage. Penal code 596.7 already restricts the use of electric prods, flank straps are fleece lined or soft rope, and sharp spurs are prohibited and locked spurs are prohibited in saddle bronc and bareback events. We take great pride in our rodeo livestock. Our animals are often worth thousands of dollars and are bred for their job as a rodeo athlete. Items such as flank straps are not used to hurt an animal but for the safety of the animal and the rider. Flank straps are lined with fleece and never placed too tightly as the animal will not buck if that is the case. Spurs are not sharp as often indicated and electric prods can only be used in case of an emergency when the chute gate is open and the life of the animal and/or rider is threatened. No one involved in Rodeo or the western industry was consulted by the Los Angeles City Council before they pushed the drafting of the ordinance forward. At least take the opportunity to educate yourselves about the equipment and usage before passing an ordinance. There are a number of businesses that count on the Professional Bull Riding and rodeo related activities at venues like the Staples Center that draw capacity crowds for their business. Those restaurants and businesses that gain income from the economic impact of these events will see their bottom line negatively impacted.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Lightfoot

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 04:14 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Western sports like rodeo need to be preserved as part of our country's history. These humane sports represent our western heritage. The stock contractors and athletes treat the animals very humanely, as their livelihoods depend on them.

Communication from Public

Name: Taraheishaw Hamilton

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 04:16 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: There was a gentleman, who was not only there when I was growing up, but he was also there for my children growing up. They called him Wrangler but his closest family and friends called him Duck or as my kids would say pawpaw Duck to know him was to know a true cowboy. There was not a day that went by he did not put on his spurs and always willing to help a friend and that was pretty much everybody he came into contact with. Everyone was his friend. The stories he has told about his adventures traveling from state to state I'm sure people reading this may have run across him at one time or another. Not only was he willing to learn, but he was a great teacher. I know there are plenty cowboys and cowgirls that miss him very much. And watching the youngsters grow with the skills and leadership that were taught by attending at least one of his classes was like eating ice cream for the first time. And that level of excitement well it's contagious. Today we remember him in our hearts and in lessons he has taught. Don't stop his students from giving that same excitement to others.

Communication from Public

Name: Lana

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 05:36 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is an American West sport our country was founded on.
Please stop the charade

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Spana

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 05:36 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This ban on Rodeos is un-justified. There is no evidence supporting it and it should not be passed. This is a ban that will effect many people in a negative way. Western way of life is part of our very limited heritage and should be preserved.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 05:41 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: If rodeo is banned in this city, a way of life for many people is also eradicated. Rodeo is not a cruel sport to the livestock. In fact, the animals used in the sport of rodeo are born and bred to do that; it's their job and what they love to do.

Communication from Public

Name: Ivan Johnson

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:17 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't ban the bill, Pickett rodeo from the city of Los Angeles. It has a great deal of significance for black and brown people in our city in our county.

Communication from Public

Name: Jim

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:17 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban horseback riding ... it's like banning tradition and culture !

Communication from Public

Name: Linda Kehler

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:22 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban RODEO. The young people participating in this sport deserve support for their hard work. Rodeo is a family activity that teaches character and values that is so lacking in society. Please do not ban RODEO.

Communication from Public

Name: Key Moses

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:24 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Animals are abused in rodeos, Bulls used in rodeos are prodded, whipped, and electric shocked, and routinely suffer debilitating injuries including torn ligaments, broken bones, and even paralysis. It is time for Los Angeles to take a stand and no longer allow these cruel events to take place in the city. Its time to say No to this antiquated form of entertainment that hurts animals

Communication from Public

Name: Nora Segura

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:25 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am a constituent in your district and I urge you to support the Los Angeles Rodeo Ordinance which would prevent animals from abuse in rodeos. Innocent animals such as calves, bulls, and horses are tormented with electric prods, bucking straps, and spurs. These devices are used to make them buck wildly, causing immense fear, stress, injuries, and even death. Please vote yes on this ordinance when it comes before the council. Thank you for caring about animals. Sincerely, Nora Segura

Communication from Public

Name: Heriberto Perez

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:35 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Good morning Everyone. To the person that think this idea of banning these beautiful traditions where it includes horses and more variety of events. Just want To say if you don't live by our communities please don't decide for us what we should Do or Not to Do. It's enough dealing with traffic and people , for me seen and hearing horses at all the time is like a anti Stress therapy also for thousands of residents like me that had to leave from O.C. And L.A. stress Now when I been having peace of mind for multiple years , city and government members come to this idea basically is like stealing our peace and I consider this as an attack to our emotional health. I Said NO to your idea of banning this traditions. Thanks for reading my email.

Communication from Public

Name: Lun

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:36 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles constituent, I support the rodeo ordinance. Even when I was a child, I recognized how cruel and unnecessary this form of "entertainment" is. It is very disturbing to see people antagonise such beautiful and gentle animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Jesus novoa

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:43 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Stop making choices for us. Why does one side have a bigger voice than the rest of us. You are ruining california. Let our traditions be stop trying to change our past.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Dyson

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:50 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DO NOT BAN RODEOS IN LOS ANGELES 1. The ban of legitimate sanctioned rodeos will only cause a proliferation of underground rodeos which do not have animal welfare oversight or veterinarians on-site. 2. Rodeos are family friendly entertainment 3. In sanctioned rodeos, the animals are really well cared for. They are valued by their owners (the stock contractors). 4. In response to the animal welfare warriors who claim that animals are injured at rodeos - it is very infrequent. I have attended rodeos for over 50 years - sometimes over 4-10 rodeos a years. I have seen animals injured twice in all those years. Animals can also get injured running free in pastures (very common) and in wild roaming herds (feral). The animal welfare warriors exaggerate the rate of injuries and do not understand how tough horses are on each other in the wild.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:55 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Why are you not including Polo in this? You're targeting working classes & we know what you're doing. This is discriminating against Latin American communities who grew up riding horses. This is a part of our culture.

Communication from Public

Name: Tiffany De La Cruz

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I originally thought the same, that these situations seem to be unjust for the animals but my mind was changed after attending a rodeo for the first time earlier this year. We got a first hand look at how they maintain the well-being to these animals. How much care they put into taking care of the animals, the lengths they go to to make sure the animal is always satisfied. They explained to us the thousands of hours that have to go down in order to make sure that the animals are happy. They know that if an animal is unsatisfied, it does them no good. No good because they don't want and would not put an animal through conditions they are uncomfortable with. These animals are babied from the minute they leave their ranches to the event space. Attending the event, I could see how much fun these animals, the riders, spectators had. The stigma that this ordinance brings up is false. its a beautiful thing that these groups bring to us. It allows us who may not know much to open our eyes and see the cultures behind these activities. Attempting to shut down these events will lose thousands of years of culture behind it. This is just one way for us to learn about the cultures around us, the history that we have here in Southern California. It is a beautiful culture and they have a respect for their animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Selina

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:05 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I do not support this initiative of banning the American Rodeo and all Rodeo related events. California's population consists of 39% Latino and 35% white, you are targeting the largest ethnic group in California. American Rodeo and all Rodeo related events is part of the Latin community culture, please respect the culture and traditions.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:08 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban Rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicky

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:23 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I believe this bill is a travesty. Why are you trying to erase a culture of people these are performance horses! Horses that walk in the Rose Parade other cultural parades! Are you trying to erase people by trying to end this? Are you going to pass a bill to stop show horses in the Olympics next? Will you stop Disney from using horses on Main Street? Or is that okay because they are a bigger business? Why is this only going after a few and not the many!?!?! I don't think you have a proper understanding of your people and their culture! This bill does not need to be voted on it should be thrown out comply! If you care as much as you claim to then pass laws to protect the horses on how long they can perform, vet visits, and whatever care you think is being neglected!

Communication from Public

Name: luis G Garcia

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 06:50 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: please don't exterminate our culture since the 1700 Los Angeles is in our tradition don't believe the lies from the animal activist

Communication from Public

Name: Naudia Napoles
Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 06:54 AM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The attempt to erase and vilify the American rodeo without full understanding of what it entails and the cultures it includes is an attempt at erasing people's way of life. Please do not ban the American rodeo, we who are involved love and cherish are animals. Although I agree not all are taken care of by their owners, instead of banning it completely come up with regulations permissible and obtainable for people involved in the equestrian community, in order to keep cultures like charrería. If you don't know what that is please educate yourself on the beautiful history of Mexican horse dancing and display. These are traditions for many of the indigenous Hispanic communities here and allow communities in smaller areas of LA county and surrounding counties to come together. By requesting this ban not only are you harming people's businesses but their traditions and culture. If the U.S. is about democracy and the pursuit of the rights of the people, like how I learned it was growing up in Ventura county, then this is an opportunity to listen to the people and understand demonizing a culture is not the way to stop some of the negative aspects of the rodeo. We must discuss alternative methods for the safety of the animals and people, and in doing so, again listening to the people who are directly involved and care about these beautiful creatures so they themselves can tell you what needs to be done in order to regulate properly. Banning based solely on simplified knowledge is not justifiable and should be further reviewed. By making harmful decisions such as this it is apparent that even our local political member can't even do in depth research on a subject, it's important to know all of what you speak on before decision making, please again consider all options before making a decision to eradicate a way of life.

Communication from Public

Name: Diego Galvan

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 06:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, my name is Diego Galvan and I'm writing this public comment in regards to the rodeo band that will take place in City Hall on December 5, 2023. I would like to start off by saying this law is just more red tape created by politicians in order to stop along time that has gone on longer than the city has ever even existed. Bulls and horses that are used in these rodeos are born and bred to buck therefore is not animal abuse a bucking strap is not animal abuse as that is a tool to let the horse know it is time to buck and when the strap is off the bull stop bucking. electrical products are essential for not only the safety of the human but also for the safety of the bowl if the bull wants to turn around on a shoot, if the bull wants to turn around in a trailer, it becomes harmful not only to itself, but to the other animals present as well, so by using that electrical pro that is not high voltage. I may add allows the bolt to continue going straight or in the direction that needs to go for everyone safety. Next roping. An animal is not animal abuse anyone in here eats meat. It is already happening to your beef it is a way that you have to catch the animal , in order to make sure it's healthy apply vaccines and to make sure that you can tag its ear to know whose cattle it is . Let's get into the Mexican side of the culture that you guys want to eradicate in the city of Los Angeles, which is also been here longer than the city itself. It starts off with the vaqueros that California inherited and then it becomes charrería. Which is Mexico's sport and also has reminisce all of over the city. I urge the city council to vote no.

Communication from Public

Name: Emily Lares

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 07:02 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA city council Please do not go forward with the ordinance's ban on Rodeos. I don't own a horse, but I support the horse community and the American culture, which is intertwined with many diverse groups. Please, I ask you to consider supporting our horse communities across LA County and the state. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Hayes

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:35 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to protect Rodeo in your County! As a WPRA Women's Pro Rodeo Association member and contestant for years in the 70's and 80's, I can attest to the family oriented, humane and safety minded character of the sport then and now! It is a clean, healthy, fair minded sport that celebrates the American West Heritage! Actually part of Southern Californias real heritage! Please protect and honor this Great American way of life and Heritage! Horses, cattle, livestock in general are an important part of the California economy and industry! Please recognize that value to your S Cal. Industry! Cowboys and Cowgirls have been the backbone of the West! Support them please! Robin Hayes