

Communication from Public

Name: Richard Alvarado

Date Submitted: 06/07/2026 09:27 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Enough is enough, those that choose to interfere with the lively hood and life style of the public has gone to far for too long. Your ignorance does not justify this betrayal of what came before you. Your narrow mindedness has done so much damage already. We have followed your rules to the letter only to have you change the rules after the fact. The power you think you have truly gone to your head. Now you are acting invisible and think you are already right. This behavior has gone on and on, it needs to stop now.

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Name: A Kelly

Date Submitted: 06/09/2026 04:22 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: While there are certainly improvements to animal welfare that can be made, the over-reaching proposal and calls to ban rodeo outright are wrong. The vaguely-defined language could impact a broader range of equestrian disciplines that do not involve the aspects of rodeo that are under criticism. With the way the wording is now, what is to stop this proposal from being applied to other equestrian sports? This proposal must not proceed as currently outlined.

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Name: Sidney Jespersen

Date Submitted: 06/09/2026 10:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I attended the meeting this morning but was not called on to speak. It's well known that major rodeo leagues are sponsored by Border Patrol. If the Los Angeles City Council does not pass the proposed rodeo ban, you are welcoming ICE into LA to terrorize our community with masked agents. You are sending the message that Los Angeles supports the abuse, mistreatment, and terrorization of both immigrants and animals. I encourage this committee to agendize the Los Angeles Rodeo Ban as soon as possible.

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Name: Sandy Wormald

Date Submitted: 06/09/2026 12:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I urge the City Council to consider the rodeo ordinance at their next meeting. Compassionate Angelenos have been waiting for years since the City Council voted unanimously to ban these cruel events, and the time is now to bring it before the Council. I support your final adoption of this ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn Freudenberg

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is animal abuse sold as entertainment. Behind the arena lights is not culture, it's coercion. Horses are pushed, provoked, and broken into compliance through fear and pressure until their resistance is gone and their distress becomes part of the show. If the same methods used in rodeo were seen anywhere else, they would be called what they are: abuse. And yet here, it's excused because it's tradition and because people clap. That should not sit comfortably with anyone in this chamber. Los Angeles cannot claim compassion while defending systems that rely on animal fear to function. If it requires suffering to entertain us, it should not exist here.

Communication from Public

Name: Mariah Greenslitt- Ortega

Date Submitted: 06/09/2026 02:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable City Council Members, My name is Mariah Greenslitt. I am a horse trainer, ranch manager, mother, and member of the equestrian community. I was unable to speak during today's meeting, but I feel it is important that my voice still be heard. I want to be very clear: I do not support animal abuse. No true horseman, trainer, ranch manager, rider, or rodeo family supports abuse. The people who dedicate their lives to horses and cattle are often the first to speak up when an animal is mistreated. We spend our lives caring for these animals, protecting them, training them, and making sure they are respected. For many of us, horses are not just a hobby or a sport, they are our way of life. They are our community, our therapy, our family, and in many ways, they are sacred to us. Rodeo and equestrian events teach responsibility, discipline, patience, grit, respect, and compassion. Taking them away does not just remove entertainment. It takes away a culture and tradition that has shaped generations. Our kids grow up learning that horses come first. They learn to work hard, care for something bigger than themselves, and show toughness when life gets hard. When our kids get hurt, we teach them to cowboy up and cowgirl up, because injuries can happen in every sport. We do not ban football, soccer, gymnastics, or other sports because injuries are possible. We improve safety, educate, and hold people accountable. The same should apply here. Our horses are not forced to do their jobs. Anyone who truly knows horses understands you cannot force a 1,000 pound animal to perform with heart and passion if they do not want to. These horses are athletes and partners. Their health, soundness, minds, and happiness matter to us every day. It is also concerning to hear this issue was brought forward two years ago, yet there does not appear to have been meaningful follow-up with the horse community. If there were concerns, trainers, veterinarians, rodeo producers, ranch managers, competitors, and animal welfare professionals should have been brought to the table. The horse community would have listened, helped, and complied with reasonable changes if given the opportunity. If the goal is animal welfare, then let us work together on animal welfare. Let us discuss veterinary oversight, humane handling standards, event regulations, education, and accountability. But please do not

punish an entire community with a ban. A ban is not education. A ban is not partnership. A ban does not protect culture, families, animals, or traditions. It removes a way of life from people who love and respect these animals. I respectfully ask the City Council to slow this process down, bring the horse community to the table, and allow us to be part of the solution. We are not against safety or accountability. We are asking to be heard, not misunderstood. Please do not ban rodeo. Work with us to create fair, realistic, and educated solutions that protect both the animals we love and the way of life that means so much to our families. Respectfully,
Mariah Greenslitt- Ortega Horse Trainer Ranch Manager Member
of the Equestrian Community