

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 01:49 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The rodeo ban is over-broad and can be applied to all equestrians. Please limit the rodeo ban to 250 or more in attendance as to not preclude the western and equitable culture. Thank you.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Kennard  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 01:59 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Do NOT ban rodeo!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Amanda Linqvist

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to the Rodeo equipment ban. 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:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Not allowing horse related events is an insult to California history and dedicated equestrians. Horse events are even apart of our Olympics, and most events demonstrate the bond and special relationships that these snagging animals and human partners share. I ask you to consider this, and do not allow this to pass. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bob Eggers

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:08 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not consider a ban on Rodeos in Los Angeles. Rodeos are a professional sport like any other and the animals used are treated with the utmost care. Opponents would have you believe otherwise with information I believe is either skewed or misrepresented. Animal welfare is the top priority of all Rodeos. I would encourage any member of council to visit a Rodeo and learn first hand how serious animal welfare is before making a decision. Thank you for your consideration

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Neisha  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 11:34 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE DO NOT BAN RODEO. THANK YOU BEEY MUCH!

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Jose Raygoza  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 01:21 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** LA LOVE RODEO

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kasey Every

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 01:23 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo. Hear what we have to say, read the facts, know the industry and try to understand both sides of this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shawn

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 01:29 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I support rodeo and equine activities. I oppose this ordinance

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jennifer

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the Council to reject File 20-1575. As a 5th generation California Ranching family, raising livestock and participating in Rodeo, and livestock events is part of my DNA. The world we are living in now, much of the general population has become detached from agriculture and how food gets to the table. Livestock shows and Rodeo events are opportunities to raise awareness and educate people on the importance of agriculture and farming and celebrate our Ranching heritage. The Ranching and livestock communities are dedicating to the welfare of their stock, our livelihood rest solely on the well being of our livestock. Well intentioned, but miss informed animal activist groups, are spreading misleading information aimed to incite outrage against the miss treatment of animals. The best way we can ensure that all animals receive the best care possible is to continue to provide opportunities for the public to see first hand the care the animals receive and the important role that the animals play in all of our lives daily.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sheri Durgan

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** To Whom it may Concern, Please DO NOT ban rodeo. There are already laws in place that protect the animals as well as the 70+ rules set forth by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association to protect livestock and contestants. The rodeo that comes to my town, Salinas, California, will hold it's 113th anniversary this year and is an important part of our County and heritage. The rodeo has a positive impact economically on our community by stimulating tourism, hotels, restaurants and other businesses in our area. Banning rodeo will have an adverse economic impact that will be felt for years to come. Please educate yourselves on the rules and laws already in place before you make an uninformed decision. Please DO NOT ban rodeo. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathryn Evans

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeo. Rodeo is an essential part of our culture. Rodeo is a livelihood for many. My husband grew up in rodeo as did our children. Our kids learned responsibility, empathy, discipline, and compassion. What other sport requires the intimate care of another living creature? Don't ban rodeo or livestock events.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Patty Standridge

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I respectfully ask you to Please stop the Rodeo Ban. 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:** Mike Breckenridge

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:36 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I respectfully request that the counsel oppose this measure. While I am not a rodeo participant, I have brought my horse to living history events at Sanchez Adobe and Rancho Dominguez for the purpose of teaching visitors about the partnership between the early Californios and their horses. I stress the word partnership because without the horse and the training methods and riding equipment used, it would not have been possible to engage in the cattle business that was the leading industry in Alta California before it became a US possession. Today, many of those methods, skills, and equipment are still employed in a partnership with the horse that is still vital to the beef industry. I urge this counsel to consider this ongoing partnership and oppose the efforts to ban aspects of horsemanship that are not in fact cruel but rather bring about the bond between horse and rider. Thank-you!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott English

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I would respectfully ask the City Council to allow rodeos and other livestock related events to continue. Their roots are in Agriculture and so are their participants and supporters. We all need Agriculture, so please support it.....in particular the livestock sector. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I SUPPORT rodeo and western events. There are more than a dozen reasons to support them, but the most important to consider, most rodeo and western events bring thousands of dollars of economic impact to the communities they are held in and often support local non-profits through their events as well. I am against passing this ordinance.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Robert Mager  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:53 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Do not ban rodeo

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jay Pearson

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:56 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE... Do not Ban Rodeo. Your actions will be known and remembered.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stacey Freitas

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Councilmembers, I am writing today to ask you to please vote “No” on the proposed rodeo ban. The animals/livestock used in rodeos and western sports have the best care in the world. They have better care than stray dogs and cats roaming the streets and/or sitting in shelters. The ranchers/stock contractors that care for these animals are true animal lovers and would never ever want to see any harm done to ANY animal. These people are the ones that take in stray animals and care for them. They would never take any animal to a shelter and have them sit scared and unhappy in a small kennel on a hard, cold concrete floor---that there is cruelty to animals. Locking up animals in a kennel in a shelter is like sending them to prison. Rodeo livestock by far live a better life than the animals in the shelters. They live in lush green pastures where they are free to roam and are fed the best quality hay. If you haven’t seen firsthand for yourself how rodeo livestock are cared for, I plead with you to vote “NO” and visit and learn how rodeo livestock is cared for before making a decision on the proposed rodeo ban. A “No” vote on the proposed rodeo ban will allow rodeo events to continue to be enjoyed by people of all cultural backgrounds and ages. Respectfully submitted, Stacey Freitas 916.690.7193 Women’s Professional Rodeo Association member and Former CA Circuit Director (2017-2019)

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 12:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please, I would like to voice my strong support for the LA rodeo ban which would ban the use of inhumane implements which FORCE animals to perform at rodeo events held in LA. Thank you. Council File Number 20-1575

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 12:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Our local hometown rodeo the California Rodeo Salinas has been around for over 110 years. I've been involved in rodeo since a was a little kid but not in the way you would expect. Our rodeo has a parade the weekend before the rodeo called the kiddie kapers parade where kids can walk or enter in the parade and feel a part of the community. They each get a ribbon with a dollar and many vouchers to local restaurants and stores. Our rodeo brings people of all ages, ethnicities and experiences together to enjoy a family friendly event and raise money for hundreds of non profits (over half a million dollars annually!). Later in my life I competed, won and represented my hometown as miss California Rodeo Salinas in 2014. I loved being the leading lady of rodeo for many reasons but one was to be an example for hundreds of young women and girls. Empowering and encouraging girls is so important and rodeo does just that. I am also extremely passionate about agriculture and our roots in rodeo stem back to techniques still done on cattle ranches today. This ban on rodeo and some of our equipment was initiated by animal rights extremists who have no direct contact with our lifestyle. We have more then 70 rules already in place for the humane treatment of animals on top of always having a veterinarian on staff at every rodeo event and doing pre rodeo health checks/screenings. Did you know the average performance of a bull in a year is only 10 minutes? The remainder of their time is spent enjoying open pastures and fresh air. I would highly encourage you to reach out to a rodeo- like the California Rodeo Salinas or the equestrian Olympics team or a local Charros group to ask about how we treat our animals. Our livestock are like our family and honestly are treated better then most homeless people in LA. 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. With the economy already struggling and inflation at an all time high since

1981- I encourage you to take a second look at how this ban will impact your local economic stimulation and support. More importantly, for me, rodeos raise awareness for engaging in youth to keep them off the streets, raise money for hundreds of non profits like Veterans associations, YMCA, breast cancer research (Susanne G Coleman foundation), domestic violence (Man Up Crusade) and hundreds more. Please reconsider removing this city ordinance.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rebecca Meisner

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 12:09 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in regards to the proposed legislation that will negatively affect all animal exhibitions including horse shows, horse racing, livestock shows, dog shows, dog agility and even the Olympics, which are scheduled to be in LA in 2028. You are putting in jeopardy the very lives, possibly even the existence, you claim to be concerned about. As someone who was involved in the thoroughbred racing world, for several decades, I know first hand the care and dedication that goes into caring for Gods magnificent creation, the equine. Please vote against this legislation. I've seen the homeless people on the streets of LA and San Francisco. Perhaps you should put more focus on the humans in your area that are struggling to just survive.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shannon

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 11:09 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hi - I would like to voice my support for western sports like rodeo, equestrian events, and the like. These sports are part of our heritage and great family friendly events. These sports are great activities to involve children and communities in and we should continue to make them available for future generations. No one cares more for animals then those actually participating in these events as participants actively promote and follow strict rules for animal welfare. Please keep these events available for future generations! Thanks!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Annemarie Giacomo

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 11:26 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The rodeo is a tradition that has spanned generations. The livestock in the rodeos work for a living like all able bodied individuals should. The livestock is well taken care of, they are bred for this kind of work. Many only work for seconds a day if that then they spend the rest of their days with their herd mates doing animal things. Do not let people who have no real KNOWLEDGE of what rodeo is to set the rules based on their feelings. This ruling will reach past just the rodeo and effect many other horse sports both public and private. Children learn much about how to care for others by participating in livestock shows and events. People who show their livestock MUST take the best of care of their animals so that they show and place well. The shows are not about the ribbons but the hard work dedication and pride that goes into fitting out and preparing any animal for a show. Again please do not let feelings override common sense and let the vocal minority drown out the pleas from the people that are really invested in raising, caring for and loving all animals  
Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rigo  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 12:18 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do NOT ban rodeo

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Cliff Hance

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 12:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a rancher and rodeo contestant please do not suspend or eliminate the ability for rodeo

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mike Martin

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 12:30 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Growing up in the San Fernando Valley (Canoga Park) and earning a degree from California State University Northridge, I learned about the agricultural world at the annual fairs in the Valley and L.A. County Fairgrounds in Pomona. I learned about the western way of life by watching rodeos in the area. They were valuable experiences most urban and suburban children of today rarely have an opportunity to see and learn from. Decades later, having worked closely with animal agriculture, rodeos and farmers and ranchers who feed America, I am dismayed to learn the Los Angeles City Council is considering a rodeo ban based upon inaccurate, unsubstantiated and unscientific claims about animal welfare related to safe, proven and traditional equipment commonly used at these events. Those who wish to ban rodeos appear to be motivated by an emotion-driven ideology as opposed to facts, science and established practices that actually safeguard animals appearing in rodeos. It would be in the best interest of those represented by Los Angeles City Council members to ignore the vocal few animal rights extremists and withdraw the ill-conceived proposed ban on rodeos.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** KJ Widner

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 10:20 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please DO NOT ban the Western heritage sport of rodeo in Los Angeles. I have decades of DIRECT experience with rodeo, the livestock the handlers and the participants. The animals aren't harmed in any way. They lead happy, useful lives. Spending the majority of their time in fields eating grass in the sunshine. They do enjoy the job of shedding the cowboys, it's a game to them. Evidence by how gentle they can be afterwards. Bans are an end to their lives, not a beginning of a new one. They have no need to exist without rodeo performances. If people don't like it, don't attend. Stop playing mental imagination games about "feelings" with livestock, putting human thoughts towards them - that they don't have for themselves. I've had hundreds of bucking mares and their foals on my ranch. Don't end their useful life before it starts!!

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 10:29 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Don't ban rodeo,keep rodeoin

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Juan Soriano  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 10:33 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Don't Banned Rodeo its our 1st ammendment happiness

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Sterling  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 10:38 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** The banning of what should be Los Angeles heritage should be dismissed.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Judy Emerson

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 10:51 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not change the equestrian rules in Los Angeles. It's bad enough to shut down the pony rides at Griffith Park but this is taking it too far. We can build a crossing for a mountain lion but we don't protect our horse owners. You have much more important things to do besides banning people's livelihood and lifestyle. I can guarantee these activities are not animal abuse. You should perhaps be more focused on animal control in the shelters and the lack of accountability. It's the biggest animal abuse show around.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Amy Etcheverry  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 10:53 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo in LA!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Horse Owner 733

**Date Submitted:** 01/13/2023 12:38 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** After reading the proposal I find the wording of some of the ordinance extreme and needs to be rewritten with consideration of the rodeo constituents and all horse groups. Nobody wants to see abuse or otherwise injured animals -ever. It is never the tools used but the way in which and reason they are being used is at issue. It is clear that much of what's been written into the ordinance, is a part of the L.A. Animal Alliance and (possibly other) extremist groups' manifesto. It's unclear how such a small group has successfully controlled Los Angeles city legislation: They are not citizens of Los Angeles, they are no longer a registered charitable organization with the state of California according to CA records since 6/20/20. Please consider forming a coalition of ALL concerned parties/groups to form a fair and equitable solution. Please include representatives from the Western Justice group, the National Rodeo Association, La Charreada groups, and all others that will ultimately be seriously affected by this ordinance. In the long run ALL people and their families that ride horses for a living, sport or leisure will be effected by this decision and so it can not fairly be passed without the transparency and inclusion of all.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Heather Madison  
**Date Submitted:** 01/17/2023 08:59 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't Ban rodeo!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kaci Miles

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 07:56 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** By banning rodeo you are interfering with a large community's way of life. This isn't just a sport, it is a way they get to use their talents to make money and also come together as a community, for some it is their livelihood. The cowboy community and rodeo do more for livestock and horses than anyone, they take the best care of their animals and give problem horses or cattle a future instead of them just ending up at the slaughter. I think it's time we get over how much other peoples way of life offends us, find a way to coexist, and maybe try to learn about it rather than banning it.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gabrielle Agnew

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 07:59 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please vote NO on the proposed ordinance to ban rodeo. This ordinance was clearly written by someone who does not understand the animals or the implements used to keep both animals and humans safe. We love our animals, rodeo animals are given the utmost care. Good feed, lots of rest between events, veterinary care. The implements used to move livestock are chosen because they cause the least stress to the animal and the least danger to a human, and are able to be used with the least force. Please vote not on this ordinance. Thank you.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 10:17 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeo

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peter Bundy

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:04 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reject the idea to ban Rodeo in Los Angeles. Many people not only enjoy Rodeo, but The Western way of life. Long live cowboys!

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Susan Leary  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:15 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please Do Not ban rodeos!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeff Fontes

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo and the western lifestyle are deeply rooted in history and my family cherishes the sport of rodeo and our way of life. I am asking that you do NOT ban rodeo and horse events. Thank you for your time.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Timothy A Reid  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:17 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have been involved in animal agriculture in California my entire life. I raise beef cattle use horses for the cattle work and give all of our animals the best possible life. I have also been a lifelong educator and carry a doctorate in education, most of my time spent in agriculture education. So the agriculturist and the teacher are coming together to help teach the Council about the misguided idea to ban rodeo and other horse events. What I know about the people involved in horse events and rodeo– both the competitors and the stock handlers – have a great passion for what they did. It wasn't so much a sport, but a way of life – and a not very glamorous one at that. Money might be made in the upper echelons of the pro rodeo circuit in the U.S., but most cowboys and girls need secondary jobs to cover their bills. The costs are high and the pay cheques are small. And yet, they'll spend months on the road, traveling to the next rodeo even before the one they're at has ended. There is a camaraderie they share (although cowboys from the rough stock events and the timed events seem to be cut from different cloth). They see their sport as an homage to the people who helped carve a life in a landscape that required both strength and mutual support. Cowboys don't compete against each other. In fact, it's not unusual for them to share the cost of a horse, help with the hazing, or share a truck and a trailer. And there is something else most share: an appreciation for the animals that are such a part of their world. Most have grown up around livestock, learning to ride a horse before city kids see their first bike; learning to handle cattle that are easily three times their weight. The animals aren't pets. They're not coddled. But neither are they abused. That respect continues into the rodeo ring. Stock contractors understand the value of the animals in their care. They know that if they're called on to supply bulls, bucking horses, calves, and steers, the stock better be healthy. A veterinarian is on-site, and most rodeos work in partnership with the local SPCA. Cowboys, too, understand the value of the stock. Their horses can easily cost tens of thousands of dollars. They are trained athletes that must be cared for properly if they are going to perform at their best. The bulls they ride, the calves they rope and the steers they wrestle also have to be in top form. To be sure, rodeo is a tough sport, both for the competitors and the animals. But is it abuse, as some claim? Is it cruel and inhumane? I don't think so.

There is no deliberate attempt to injure or harm the animals. In fact, steps are taken to ensure that doesn't occur. A cowboy is docked time if a calf is handled poorly; a bronc is returned to the stockyard if it's too anxious in the chute. The LA Council has a ban on some of these events up for a vote, I urge a no vote. I'm hoping they measure the facts carefully and rely on more than emotional observations and outside complaints made to event sponsors. Rodeo is a part of our heritage. Let's not surrender it easily. Thanks, Tim Reid Grass Valley Ca

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** heather hinrichs  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:19 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I oppose the rodeo ban

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Connie Mager  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:21 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Do NOT ban the rodeo!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** JAMES L SLATEN

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 02:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am against the Ban of Rodeo. Please look at the real facts not some dreamed up ideas that are not real.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Suzie Marsh

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't fall for the lies that "animal activists" have been telling you. Rodeo animals are some of the best cared for animals in the world. Rodeo is part of our American heritage and a multibillion dollar industry. As a horse owner and competitor I know personally how well these animal athletes are cared for. They do their jobs because they love to not because they are made to! To ban rodeos in your area is doing a great disservice to your County.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Stephen Jennings

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban livestock events that are so much a part of our western way of life and our heritage in the USA.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dale Barnett

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:46 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeos! The animals are extremely well cared for and it is important to preserve our western heritage.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chris Limmer

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do Not ban rodeo. Rodeo is an awesome sport that is family oriented for all ages. The live stock are all very well taken care and are treated humanely. They get treated very well and only work part of the year. They are treated well and fed well and have some of the best veterinary care. I have been to many rodeos along with my kids and grandkids, and enjoy every minute of it. The rodeo started on ranches and a lot of the rodeo shows a lot of what actually happened on ranches, how cowboys work on a daily basis taking care of the ranch livestock. Again, please do not ban rodeo from everyone who enjoys it and enjoys participating. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tracy Vignati

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 04:28 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pass the L.A. Rodeo Device Ban. A recent poll of 600 Los Angeles residents supported the ban by 72%. This practice is cruel, unnecessary and inhumane all for the sake of entertainment. Please put a stop to this. These animals don't deserve this.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Houston Brown

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 04:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The loss of rodeo will be the loss of millions of dollars in revenue to the state of California. A loss in economy of towns usually hosting rodeos. Businesses in many towns rely on rodeos to bring in customers. The ban would also lead to the death of thousands of animals who would no longer have caretakers who could afford to house and feed them. The animals no longer used for rodeo would most likely end up in slaughter houses in Canada and Mexico. Rodeo is an ethical sport with ethical people. These animals are our livelihood and you can not force an animal to perform or to buck. The Spurs used are dull and do not cut the animals skin. A flank strap is used in a pressure release system that encourages a horse to kick but does not harm the animal when used as it is intended. Cattle prods however should be outlawed and users should be fined accordingly. Rodeo is an evolving sport and changes may be made to please the public but it should not be completely banned . Instead let us work together and resolve the issues at hand.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christine D

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 04:37 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeo from the city of Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lyle Magnuson  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 04:52 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** What is wrong with you LA people??!! Leave rodeos, horse shows , horse racing, ANY animal related competition alone.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jason Smith

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 04:53 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Council Members, Please vote against the ban for Rodeos. Everyone wants one thing – for animals to be safe. Please adopt the Western Sports Industry Coalition’s amendments to the Rodeo Ordinance at the upcoming Dec. 7 Committee meeting. These amendments will make sure the animals stay safe while allowing rodeo events, enjoyed by people of all cultural backgrounds, to continue. Thank you, Jason

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jose Angel Martinez

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 05:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I believe the ban on certain Rodeo events and use of some the equipment used is unwarranted. The Stock Contractors, and horse owners take pride of their livestock. The animals are often worth thousands of dollars and are bred for their job as a Rodeo athlete. Every safety precaution is taken to ensure the safety of the participants, the spectators, and most importantly, the animals. There are already laws in place regarding rodeo equipment and usage in California. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association has over 70 rules pertaining to safety of the livestock and contestants. Those rules already address laws and rules for the usage of spurs, flank straps, and also electric prod usage. Penal Code 596.7 already restricts the usage of electric prods. I ask that you please take the opportunity to educate yourselves and those who have brought this before your city council asking for a ban. Not only will you hurt the sport and the people who participate in the sport. You will also be hurting those businesses that benefit for the revenue earned from Rodeo.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 05:14 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please continue having Rodeos. It is Western Heritage from our ForeFathers. It is a Family event that is enjoyed by the young & old. It's a sport for young & old.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** elaine m sheridan

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reconsider a ban on rodeo events. I encourage you to go to a ranch that raises rodeo animals or ask to go behind the scenes of a rodeo. I think you will be pleasantly surprised by what you see. Many groups will take the worst of the worst that represent 1% of an industry and make it look like it is the whole group, but it isn't. Most rodeo horses and bulls are pets that leave the rodeo and kick back with the best food and care an animals can have. It is probably the easiest life of any performance animal. If rodeo dies, so does our western heritage and all the animals that are part of that. Please, please, do your own independent research before banning this sport that is so good to its animals and people.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lori OHarver

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:52 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do the research needed to not succumb to the misconceptions that flank straps hurt bucking horses or anybody sharpens spurs. Our rare breed of horse is beloved with 100 years of breeding the horses who prefer bucking to blue collar jobs behind them. They're started at maturity, bred for sturdiness, worked LIGHTLY with careers commonly lasting into their late teens to early 20s. When not at work their 2 minutes a year, they live as free as wild horses with water, groceries delivered and under expert eyes if medical attention is needed. Dr. Temple Grandin, PhD and expert horseman, the late Ray Hunt both take positive stands on the great lives of these born free and tough horses. Please vote FOR their longevity and livelihoods.  
Respectfully, Lori OHarver

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Madonna

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 03:59 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE CONTINUE HAVING RODEOS. It's such part of the American heritage. Thanks

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brenda Banuelos

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 04:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Hello, As a horse owner and active rodeo member I oppose this rodeo ban. This sport has brought so much not only joy but discipline and has shown me responsibility. I understand that its difficult to understand other cultures but I invite you to look into it and even attend ALL rodeo events American and Mexican to see the impact it has on peoples lives.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** TD  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 04:19 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE DON'T BAN RODEO!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Vanessa Rodriguez

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 06:01 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't Ban Rodeo. It is a sport that has been past down generations in my family and community it is a huge part of our life's especially for some people's livelihoods

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sara Hamaker

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 06:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Why, why would you take away a chance for people to know animals? A chance to feel the life of an animal, doing what they were meant to do. I can't imagine a life without having animal events in it. I should want to die instead. Please, please Don't Take Away Animal Events. Best way to raise a kid is to teach them how to care for God's creatures

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ryan

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 05:45 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeo in LA County. Us cowboys go to great lengths to care for our livestock. We don't hurt them in any way.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Janet Wohlgemuth  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 05:51 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I don't support your ban on rodeos

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carlos

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 06:19 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeo in Los Angeles, we have so little of our western heritage. The rodeos allow us to spend time with people from different walks of life and tie us all together with an appreciation for our history.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 06:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeo.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Taylor  
**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 07:07 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeo.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karen

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 07:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban the rodeo. It is part of Native American heritage as well as the western culture. Animals are treated well and it is a family sport.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mariela

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 07:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm in favor of the rodeo in California and all around the world

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 07:19 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't band rodio or charrería

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karen Bristing

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 07:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a lifelong equestrienne I ask that you please don't ban rodeo in Los Angeles.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** H Parker

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 07:25 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to the "Anti-rodeo" ordinance. I am a firm supporter of the humane treatment of livestock and have owned and raised horses and cattle for decades. Unfortunately, it is clear that the proposed ordinance was drafted by people who are uninformed on the matters this ordinance would regulate. The proposed ordinance would also impact many amateur and non-rodeo equestrian pursuits including the 2028 Olympics. I sincerely hope you will not pass this ordinance or at least re-write it with the benefit more expert input to accomplish your goal without unintended consequences. If it is your goal to ban large professional rodeo events such as the PBR or PRCA events, then write something that specifies that. Thank you for your consideration.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jody Carper

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 07:34 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I have found my dream job and truly love being a rodeo announcer! I believe faith and family come first but when it comes to my job it is a pleasure to go to work each day. I have been around the rodeo business all my life and started roping and competing as a young child. I have been playing rodeo for a long time and have finally been fortunate enough to make a career out of it. This decision your about to make will affect many different people and animals that relay on the western way of life to survive. We understand that the animals are very important to our way of life and that is the reason that we provide them with the best care possible. All I ask is that you get the correct facts about our industry before making a decision. If your livelihood was on the line and I had a vote, I'm sure you would want me to do the same.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Pavla Nygaard

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 07:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed ordinance to ban rodeo, horse shows and horse racing in Los Angeles would be detrimental to the local economy and its population. These activities bring much needed economic activity to the city, with associated jobs, tax revenues and local business. Horse racing alone brings in more than \$65 million in taxes annually, supports thousands of jobs, and generates more than \$2 billion in total economic output in California. Additionally, the ordinance would be detrimental to horse welfare as the organizations that host these activities are highly regulated and by participating in these events horses are provided good care and oversight that is regulated by both state and federal laws. Additionally, students who participate in rodeo and horse shows develop the discipline and character needed to become productive members of society. By passing this ordinance, Los Angeles would be sending a message that it does not support animal welfare or the associated economic activity, something that could have dire consequences for both the current and future citizens of the city. There are times when well-intentioned legislation can have significant unintended negative consequences to those apparently meant to protect. This is one of those times. A working economic engine for horse activities protects horses that may otherwise become vulnerable, especially as the country is facing high inflation and recession concerns which increase costs of horse related items from costs of hay to boarding fees. Passing the ordinance would hurt the ability of horse owners, trainers and farms to take care of the horses in their care. Instead of protecting horse welfare, it would make it worse. Please vote no on this ordinance.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David Marsh

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 08:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo and western lifestyle is a way of life. It settled this country way back in the day. And you people are voting on taking that from us. Taking this sport from us will not change history but will limit the future. And is unconstitutional. I pray you counsel members will understand and do the right thing.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brian Manske

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 08:40 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please reconsider banning Rodeo Events in the city of Los Angeles. Rodeo has been growing again in popularity. I suspect the economic benefits are measurable and local vendors would be impact if Rodeo events ceased in your market.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Bobbi Arnold

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 08:49 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo. It is one of the last family sports remaining where we respect our country and god. Rodeo animals are loved by there owners and contestants alike.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 08:50 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't band rodeo. Rodeo is really not what a lot of city people think, they have no idea on how good we treat the animals. Rodeo animals get treated like family they are athletic they get feed well they get the best treatment like PMF and supplements good grains and also have a lot of land where they live. We keep a good eye and good care for them provide them with their vaccine and always making sure their health is good. When animals are performing at the rodeos we always make sure they are feed probably and always have fresh water and always have a vet on call if needed. Banning rodeo would really hurt the equine more than the bulls or steers that are used at the rodeos bulls and steers have a human consumption but what would happen to all the horses out there. There is nothing to do with horses you can't slaughter horses and eat them like you can cattle. Rodeo people save thousands of horses by training them to ride or use them as bucking horses that they take care of. If you were to band rodeo no one is gonna want to feed a horse and not be able to ride him go out on a happy lovely trail ride with the family kids. So we would have horses out starving running around everywhere and what's gonna happen they will start killing them so please think about the consequences and don't band rodeo.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 09:16 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** dont ban rodeo in los ángeles , california

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 09:48 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban RODEO.!

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 10:24 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 10:36 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** DO NOT BAN RODEO

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 10:39 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please DO NOT ban the Western heritage sport of rodeo in Los Angeles. I have decades of DIRECT experience with rodeo, the livestock the handlers and the participants. The animals aren't harmed in any way. They lead happy, useful lives. Spending the majority of their time in fields eating grass in the sunshine. They do enjoy the job of shedding the cowboys, it's a game to them. Evidence by how gentle they can be afterwards. Bans are an end to their lives, not a beginning of a new one. They have no need to exist without rodeo performances. If people don't like it, don't attend. Stop playing mental imagination games about "feelings" with livestock, putting human thoughts towards them - that they don't have for themselves. Don't end their useful life before it starts!

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/18/2023 07:02 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please keep rodeos in the community