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Comments for Public Posting: The Western Justice Legislative Fund recently sent you a letter stating, 'Third, the sport of rodeo treats its animal athletes extraordinarily well, with all our members treating our animals with care and affection every step of the way.' We wanted to address this claim. While the rodeo industry generally treats the animals well outside the arena, the problem is inside the arena. For instance, one reliable source states, "The report and footage released today confirm what we already knew: rodeo events are based on exploiting animal reactions to pain, fear and panic and are therefore fundamentally incompatible with animal welfare." (1) The rodeo industry claims they treat their animals well in order to hide how they hurt animals in the arena. And remember - its all for the sake of entertainment. Nothing necessary or perhaps justifiable. Accordingly, please ban rodeo in Los Angeles!
<https://www.sPCA.com/en/report-confirms-the-inherent-cruelty-of-rodeos/>

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Comments for Public Posting: The Western Justice Legislative Fund recently sent you a letter that states, 'For all rodeo participants, animals are treated like members of the family. They are well fed, frequently groomed, and exercised, leading these animals to enjoy a long and fulfilling life. We love our animals. Our livelihood depends on our animals. Statistics tell you and veterinarians agree: rodeo animals are not “abused” in any way, shape, or form. Our animals are cared for every bit as well as you care for your family pet at home.' I wanted to address this claim. The rodeo industry states 'we love our animals.' If that was the case, would you subject an animal (especially one you loved) to emotional trauma? For instance, regarding bull-riding, one reliable source states, 'Based on observed behaviour, the evidence indicates that bull riding is a stressful, frightening experience for the bull: there is no evidence that the bulls ‘enjoy’ the experience.' (1) Would you ever subject a beloved dog or cat to a 'stressful, frightening experience?' I hope not! Notice how the rodeo industry never talks about the emotional harm caused to animals? Because they know they traumatize animals for the mere sake of entertainment, which is morally unjustifiable and despicable. LA City Council, please ban rodeo in Los Angeles! 1. <https://kb.rspca.org.au/knowledge-base/what-are-the-animal-welfare-issues-associated-with-bull-riding/>

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Comments for Public Posting: The Western Justice Legislative Fund recently sent you a letter stating, 'First, rodeo events, including those held at major venues such as Crypto.com Arena, provide an economic boost to the City through travel and tourism and ticket sales.' This may be true, but lets be logically consistent. Is something 'good' or 'ethical' just because it provides economic benefits? For instance, slavery was highly profitable and created many billionaires in the Southern United States. Does the economic benefits of the institution justify slavery? Of course not. For similar reasons, rodeo is highly unethical because of its emotional and physical harm done to animals. Whatever economic benefits it provides is not justifiable because it is inherently unethical. Please outlaw rodeo in Los Angeles!

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Comments for Public Posting: In a recent letter to the city council, the Western Justice Legislative Fund stated, 'Second, the sport of rodeo has a positive impact on its fans, teaching them the values of hard work, perseverance, and athletic excellence.' One thing that was left out is that rodeos events teach humans (especially the young) that it is ok to hurt animals for the sake of entertainment and that it is proper to dominate animals for fun. One credible source states, 'A large body of conclusive research confirms that when children participate in or watch adult sanctioned cruelty to animals, an automatic process of desensitization occurs to protect them from the trauma of what they are witnessing. The ultimate effect is that children's emotional and moral development is blunted by repressing what would otherwise be a naturally evolving sense of empathy, compassion and caring for others. This developmental impairment is why, since the 1970s, The Humane Society of the United States has expressed serious concerns about the psychologically damaging effect of rodeos on children. Likewise, The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals has issued a policy statement opposing children's rodeo events for this reason. (1) We must protect vulnerable children from witnessing these events. The LA City Council should ban rodeo in Los Angeles because they desensitize children to cruelty. 1. <https://www.thegazette.com/guest-columnists/rodeos-can-have-harmful-effects-on-children/>

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Comments for Public Posting: In a recent letter to the city council, the Western Justice Legislative Fund stated, 'What's more, Black rodeo organizations and Mexican-American Charrería organizations go to great lengths to educate their fans about their community's significant role in the history of the American West – a subject that doesn't get the attention it deserves in our classrooms.' If this is the case, that rodeos are about 'education,' (however flimsy that argument is), then why does it require the animals at all? If they want children to be educated on the American West there is a facility right in LA called the Autry Museum of the American West. Why can't children be taught there and leave the animals out of it? Because it's not really about education. It's about the rodeo industry using every excuse possible to try and convince you that rodeos, antiquated events built around animal cruelty, somehow have a place in the societal reformation of the human relationship with animals. Send the kids to the museum. If they want kids to be educated, leave the animals out of it. Please ban rodeos in Los Angeles!

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Los Angeles City Council members, Our ministry intends to speak for the Christians in Los Angeles, which is about 65% of LA residents. One reputable source states, “All rodeo events will cause stress, fear and pain as well as injure animals for the sake of sport and entertainment.” (1) Fittingly, an entire veterinary coalition states, ‘In contrast to this, rodeos normalise cruelty, supported by the legality and promotion of these events.’ (2) From a Christian perspective, the Bible condemns animal cruelty in Proverbs 12:10, stating, “Good people take care of their animals, but wicked people are cruel to theirs.” Furthermore, the Bible condemns hurting animals for entertainment like rodeo. For instance, Genesis 49:6 states, ‘May I never join in their meetings; may I never be a party to their plans. For in their anger they murdered men, and they crippled oxen just for sport.’ Please move forward with the Los Angeles rodeo ban. We believe this would be God-pleasing and satisfy the Christians in Los Angeles, as well as be the best thing to do for the victims. 1. <https://kb.rspca.org.au/knowledge-base/what-are-the-animal-welfare-issues-with-rodeos/> 2. <https://www.sentient.org.au/rodeos>

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