

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 05/22/2026 01:06 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not have rodeos in your city. They are very cruel to animals.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Louise Slattery

**Date Submitted:** 05/22/2026 01:18 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** It is now time to hear and pass the rodeo ban that the council unanimously passed in 2023. Rodeos using animals are already banned in other Californian cities, including Pasadena, Irvine, Laguna Woods, and Chino Hills. Alameda and Clark Counties have also passed specific bans related to rodeo activities. Please end this cruelty. Rodeos represent an awful display of brutality to animals and should never be entertainment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sandra  
**Date Submitted:** 05/22/2026 01:22 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop rodeos They are cruel and inhumane not to mention disgusting abuse of animals being subjected to cruelty 8

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Sandra Couch

**Date Submitted:** 05/22/2026 02:41 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** LA has been on the verge of confirming a rodeo ban since it passed the council unanimously in 2023. Rodeos using animals are already banned in other Californian cities, including Pasadena, Irvine, Laguna Woods, and Chino Hills. Alameda and Clark Counties have also passed specific bans related to rodeo activities. Please end this cruelty, such awful displays of brutality to animals should never be entertainment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Peter Wood

**Date Submitted:** 05/22/2026 03:00 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa G Blanck

**Date Submitted:** 05/22/2026 04:20 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Regarding rodeos: Yes, I've attended them in the past. It's a part of the American West. But things must change. Rodeos using animals are already banned in other Californian cities, including Pasadena, Irvine, Laguna Woods, and Chino Hills. Alameda and Clark Counties have also passed specific bans related to rodeo activities. Help us end this cruelty, such awful displays of brutality to animals should never be entertainment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Fleur Dawes

**Date Submitted:** 05/22/2026 05:50 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** STRONG SUPPORT Honorable Councilmembers, On behalf of In Defense of Animals (IDA), and organization based in California since 1983 with 250,000 supporters including many throughout the City of Los Angeles, I am writing to urge your immediate support for the swift scheduling and final passage of the ordinance to Ban the Rodeo (CF #20-1575). In 2021, this City Council voted unanimously to move forward with a rodeo ban. The City Attorney has since drafted the ordinance. It now awaits its critical hearing before the committee and a final, binding vote by the full City Council. It is time to finish what this city started and codify our compassionate values into law.

1. Eliminating Systemic Cruelty for Entertainment This ordinance targets six specific rodeo events—including bull and bronc riding, steer wrestling, calf roping, and team roping—that clear evidence proves cause severe physical injury and psychological distress to animals for the mere sake of amusement. The Reality of Calf Roping: This event involves chasing vulnerable, young calves at high speeds, roping them tightly around the neck, and violently slamming them to the ground. This brutal practice routinely results in broken bones, twisted necks, and catastrophic spinal injuries, all while inducing intense terror and pain.
2. Preserving True Cultural Heritage Opponents often rely on the defense of "tradition" to justify this abuse, but this ordinance is carefully tailored. Events celebrating Latino heritage, traditional music, food, non-violent horsemanship demonstrations, and other cultural activities are strictly exempt. Authentic cultural expression and equestrian skill can and will continue under this ordinance without the need for animal exploitation.
3. Rejecting Border Patrol Recruitment in Our Communities There is a troubling, hidden layer to corporate rodeos in Los Angeles. The promoters of the city's largest arena rodeo events frequently feature prominent sponsorships and recruitment pipelines from U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), explicitly targeting young male audiences. Border Patrol recruitment booths, heavy branding, and promotional displays are systematically set up inside rodeo arenas and on public event grounds. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) relies on these very federal agents to conduct raids and removal operations in sanctuary cities like Los Angeles. The monetization of animal cruelty combined with the use of

arena-sized rodeos to recruit for ICE—the same agency whose actions have spread fear, conducted raids, and targeted families within our local Latino communities—is entirely antithetical to the identity of this city. Conclusion: A Vote for Los Angeles Values Los Angeles is a city that believes in compassion, sanctuary, and mercy for both humans and animals. Animal cruelty and federal immigration raids have no place here. By passing this ordinance, Los Angeles will send a clear, powerful ethical message: the exploitation of animals for entertainment and the validation of anti-immigrant enforcement pipelines are unacceptable. In Defense of Animals strongly urges you to support scheduling the Rodeo Ban ordinance and vote YES on Council File #20-1575. Thank you for your leadership, compassion, and urgent attention to this vital matter.