

Communication from Public

Name: Michael

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 12:10 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Councilmember Blumenfield carefully and sensitively crafted the proposed ordinance so that it absolutely would not ban charreadas or any other equestrian event. It would only ban events that puts animals at risk of physical harm for the sake of entertainment.

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Name: Jane Velez-Mitchell
Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 12:35 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: As a proud Latina, former KCAL-TV news anchor, former CNN Headline News Host and New York Times bestselling author, I am here to say that the Hispanic culture can be celebrated without torturing animals. I bring this up because the forces of greed and exploitation have tried to make this about the freedom of Hispanics to express their culture. Don't be fooled by that twisting of history. Please know that cows and bulls are not indigenous to the Americas. Christopher Columbus brought the first cows and bulls to the Americas during his second expedition in 1493. This massive introduction permanently changed the landscape and agricultural systems of the Americas. So, rodeos are actually a celebration of European colonialism which heralded the decimation of the indigenous peoples who died en masse during the European conquest of the Americas. Additionally, as a Los Angeles resident, taxpayer and voter, I do not want to see our city supporting this horror show. Bulls don't jump up and kick back because they want to. They are hit with electrical cattle prods and their private parts are sometimes tied with painful knots to force this unnatural behavior. RODEOS ARE ANIMAL TORTURE. Is that what we want to teach our children.... that it's okay to torture and abuse animals? I would hope not. Rodeos do NOT belong in the City of Angels. Latinos in LA do not support rodeos no matter how many cowboy hats you buy on Amazon in a cynical and pathetic attempt to make this about culture. TORTURE IS NOT CULTURE. Period. This is the 21st century and we're in Hollywood! We have many other kinder, more creative ways for people to have fun and entertain themselves. NO TO RODEOS!

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Name: Jim Jensvold

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 12:44 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: This ordinance is supported, unanimously, by the membership of Democrats for the Protection of Animals, a chartered club of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party. The proposed ordinance will not prohibit charreadas or other equestrian events. Instead, this ordinance would prohibit six specified rodeo events, that are well-documented to subject animals to the risk of physical harm or death. At rodeos, animal cruelty is performed for supposed entertainment value. Animals are chased, wrangled, roped, and tormented for spectacle. The horses, bulls, steer, and calves can suffer painful injuries, including broken bones, organ damage, and other serious harm that can lead to their deaths. As an analogy, bullfighting has been officially banned or restricted in several countries and major cities. In Mexico City, lawmakers overwhelmingly voted to ban violent and traditional bullfighting. The legislation enforces "bloodless" bullfighting, meaning bulls can no longer be injured or killed, swords and sharp objects are prohibited, and horn covers are required. The rich rich and traditional cultural traditions there were NOT prohibited, but rather modified to protect animals. Los Angeles can be a leader and do the same. Dr. James P Jensvold President, Democrats for the Protection of Animals

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 01:43 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please institute a rodeo ban within Los Angeles County limits. This is an undeniably, cruel excuse for a sport that exploits animals and is unnecessary as a form of entertainment.

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Name: Christina Downing
Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 01:44 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE!!! Ban all rodeos in LA County!! It is a cruel and unnecessary form of entertainment.

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Name: Vanessa

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 01:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Monica Rodriguez wants to welcome Border Patrol and ICE to Los Angeles. The PBR (Professional Bull Riders) are sponsored by US Border Patrol. They have been in bed together for quite some time. These violent, racist thugs terrorize animals AND Los Angeles residents. PBR is scheduled to come to Crypto Arena in February 2027. Why is Monica ok with this? Why are you not stopping this, Monica?



Communication from Public

Name: Heather

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 01:59 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not be bullied by ONE councilmember. We welcome Charrería and continued equestrian activities, which respects the humane treatment of animals. We embrace and support the Mexican culture and its traditions that treat animals humanely. What we oppose and this ordinance will achieve is to ban “American” rodeo which terrorizes animals and brings with it through sponsorship by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol a continued pipeline of recruiting ICE to terrorize our community. American rodeos are not only cruel to animals, they directly terrorize our Hispanic community through the partnership they have with Border Patrol. Large event American Rodeo brings ICE to our community and actively recruits more agents to terrorize our communities. The Council is on record opposing ICE in Los Angeles, yet without the rodeo ban, we are welcoming ICE into Los Angeles in February 2027, rolling out the welcome mat to ICE AND CPB when we embrace the rodeo coming to Los Angeles. It’s time Council ban the rodeo, close the ICE loophole, and be consistent in sending a strong message that Los Angeles opposes the inhumane and cruel treatment of animals and the immoral terrorization of anyone in our community by masked, racist thugs.

STANDARD RODEO IMAGES

THE RODEO HURTS AND KILLS ANIMALS!



*** GOOGLE & YOUTUBE "RODEO CRUELTY" ***

VIOLENCE IS NOT OUR CULTURE

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Name: Shauna
Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 02:27 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are animal cruelty. They are inhumane to all the animals involved. Please do not allow them in Los Angeles County.

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Name: Elaine Livesey-Fassel

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 11:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: For many, to witness the rank cruelty of spurs, bucking straps and electric prods being used to irritate and enrage normally docile, gentle sentient farm animals used to 'entertain' the public is unworthy in this day and age. Isn't there enough cruelty already in this world, especially towards innocent animals, without gratuitously adding to it? This is just a pathetic example of exhibiting man's domination over animals as such practices were never used in a normal ranching environment. Even before entering the ring, animals are often prodded with an electrical 'hotshot' so that the pain will rile them. Bulls and horses violently buck and kick because the bucking straps are tightly cinched around sensitive parts of their bodies. In 'steer-tailed' a young calf might have his tail painfully torn off! And children watch these cruel displays and perhaps come to think that hurting animals is acceptable social behavior, which in a civil society, it is most certainly not! This kind of display has no place in our community!

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Name: Paula Hallowell
Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 11:55 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep equestrian events going. The horse, burros and mules help build this country. The animals help calm our nerves. Sense of peace in our lives. Do not kill traditions. A little girls heart will break if she cannot keep her horse any longer. Thank you.

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Name: Pamela Whistley
Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 03:37 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: BAN THIS CRUEL "SPORT" Los Angeles needs to come out of the dark ages of animal abuse and rodeos ARE animal abuse. Grown men and women abusing animals for sick entertainment!!! Ban it now!!!

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Name: Rene Torres Ruston
Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 05:16 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE follow thru with BANNING Rodeos in Los Angeles. As Co-founder of STARTRescue, we are vehemently opposed to the inherent animal cruelty rodeos are known for. As an equestrian, I reject any notion that rodeos are acceptable to anyone that truly loves horses. They are merely stunts which terrify and injure animals and have no place in our city.

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not support animal abuse. The rodeo should be banned. No place in the city for animal cruelty for purpose of entertainment.

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Name: Joseph Howell
Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 04:19 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are cruel and barbaric. Saying something is “our” culture is misguided and is no excuse for animal abuse. Get a hobby that doesn’t harm life. So disappointed in Monica Rodriguez for pushing to keep this disgusting practice going.

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Name: Kimberley Delgado

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 08:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: More Americans are becoming aware of just how CRUEL RODEO EVENTS ARE for the poor animals forced to participate!! The horses, bulls, steer, and calves suffer broken ribs, backs, and legs, torn tails, punctured lungs, internal organ damage, ripped tendons, torn ligaments, snapped necks, and agonizing deaths. AND during practice sessions, a calf may be roped repeatedly, until the calf suffers injuries that require her replacement. PLEASE END RODEOS!!