

Communication from Public

Name: Rosey Payne

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 05:56 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Salutations, I am a resident of Shadow Hills, one of the last equestrian communities in the City of Los Angeles. I oppose the blanket ban on rodeos. I support the humane treatment of animals, but there is a difference between improving animal welfare standards and eliminating an entire tradition. If concerns exist about specific practices, those concerns should be addressed directly through oversight and enforcement - not a complete ban. For communities like Shadow Hills, rodeos represent more than entertainment. They help preserve horsemanship, ranching traditions, agricultural education, and a way of life that has been a part of Los Angeles for generations. Our community is uniquely connected to the Angeles National Forest through an extensive trail system, and horses remain an important part of our identity. As equestrian opportunities continue to disappear throughout Los Angeles, we should be preserving these traditions, not restricting them. I urge you to support animal welfare while also respecting the cultural and equestrian heritage that make communities like Shadow Hills so special. Therefore, I oppose the blanket ban on rodeos. Respectfully, Rosey Payne

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Name: Zohra Fahim

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Comments for Public Posting: The rodeo is an outdated practice that is unaligned with the values of Los Angeles residents. Please ban the rodeo.

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Name: Justine Block, Esq.

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 06:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the City Council's final consideration and approval of the proposed Rodeo Ordinance, introduced by Councilmember Blumenfield (Council File Number 20-1575). This measure would prohibit one of the cruelest animal exhibitions where animals are routinely abused, injured and even killed. The law is narrowly written only to impact rodeos and similar events, and will not impact other equestrian activities in Los Angeles. Cultural tradition should not be used to defend animal cruelty. A poll conducted by Lincoln Park Strategies on behalf of Last Chance for Animals revealed that 72 percent of registered Los Angeles voters surveyed support banning prods, flank straps, and other tools that force animals to perform. The poll showed strong support across all demographic groups, including 70 percent approval among Black respondents and 67 percent among Latino respondents. Mexico City recently banned bullfighting per their constitution and cock fighting is illegal in all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories despite those activities' deep cultural ties. A recent opinion piece in the local Argonaut News, "Compassionate Latinos Condemn Charreada Cruelty" by Marco Antonio Regil, details the abuses of the Charreada and explains how most Latinos don't want to see animals tormented. In his words, "The opinions of a small minority of rodeo and charreada enthusiasts should not outweigh those of the overwhelming majority of people who condemn cruelty to animals." This law is similar to other ordinances which have been adopted in nearby communities including Laguna Woods (2000), Pasadena (2001), Chino Hills (2010), and Irvine (2011). The Orange County Fair made a decision to not continue with rodeos for the foreseeable future following a catastrophic injury to a bull in 2023. Thank you for your consideration to ensure the Rodeo Ordinance is placed on an upcoming City Council agenda.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please pass motion this so that any rodeo in Los Angeles is not allowed to use ANY device or technique that causes harm, injury, or fear in ANY Animal. A veterinarian from the City should be at all events (not a vet chosen by the rodeo) to oversee that this is enforced. The vet should have the last word. Rodeos and cultural traditions can continue but without causing harm. And I think that we can all agree: There are some cultural traditions that needed to STOP and should NOT not continue: the European tradition of burning woman who are thought to be witches, the North African tradition of female mutilation so a girl would be marriageable in the future, foot-binding of Chinese girls so they were pleasing to men....and cruel and painful rodeo practices can be added to that.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 08:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly recommend that the City Council puts the rodeo ban on their agenda for final consideration. We Angelenos (including myself, who was born and raised in this region) have been waiting a long time since the City Council voted unanimously to ban these awful events. Now is the time to bring this to the Council for final passage!

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Name: Kendall

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 02:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to respectfully oppose Council File 20-1575 and the proposed ban on rodeos. As a past rodeo queen (and a currently contestant), rodeo has become a huge part of my life. It has taught me responsibility, confidence, leadership, public speaking, and horsemanship. Through rodeo, I've met incredible people, represented my community, and gained experiences that have helped shape who I am. To many people, rodeo is much more than an event. It's a tradition, a community, and a way for families to stay connected to agriculture and western heritage. It brings people together and gives young people opportunities to learn valuable life skills both in and out of the arena. One thing I think is often misunderstood is how much rodeo participants care about their animals. Our horses and livestock are NOT just animals we use for competition. They are our partners. Their health, safety, and well being are a top priority, and the rodeo community takes great pride in caring for them. I hope the Council will take the time to listen to the people who are directly involved in rodeo and understand the positive impact it has on SO many individuals and families.

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Name: Christy Schilling

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 03:19 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing very much in favor of the proposed ordinance that will prohibit certain inhumane rodeo events. Some are trying to characterized the ordinance as a threat to "our diverse and rich equestrian traditions that are widely celebrated in our community," which is completely untrue. As 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. Animals should not be used as entertainment as they are living beings!

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Name: Dana C Harbaugh
Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 03:24 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos and their inhumane practices should be banned in Los Angeles. Please do the right thing.

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Name: Elizabeth Moreno

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 03:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against this proposal..there is nothing wrong with rodeos

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Name: Kathy Hrouda

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:32 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My family is relatively new to the sport of rodeo. We started riding horses when Covid happened, when everything but the great outdoors was closed. We found happiness, family values and sportsmanship in the saddle. My children found purpose, and along the way, we learned about the sport of rodeo. We learned that each event represents a skill that cowboys need while working cattle on a ranch. Although my family hasn't mastered roping, and we don't live on a cattle ranch, we are grateful to know how to survive a few bucks from a horse, because every once in a while, that's going to happen! Even just riding out on trail -one minute everything is perfect, and the next minute your mild mannered horse spooks at something and you are holding on for the ride! In a way, you just competed in your first rodeo! Horses buck naturally, and as I have witnessed, some like to do it more than others! In my mind that's what rodeo is all about, preserving the western way of life by actively competing in the events that are historically western. Like the cowboys of California's early days, 21st century cowboys work long hours, partner with their horses, and continue ranching. Rodeo is their way to showcase the skills they have. It's the equivalent of running a foot race to see who is faster. Over the last year we have attended 24 rodeo performances across the West Coast, and we have sat in the stands, been behind the chutes and competed. What we have personally seen is that the horses and the livestock of cowboys and cowgirls are their most precious commodities, and often their livelihood. Because of this animal welfare is important to them and their families. Rodeo is a partnership between people and animals. One cannot continue without the other. We need to continue to allow rodeos to preserve our western way of life. Rodeo is a living museum celebrating the spirit of California's historic ranching culture.

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Name: Carol A Saunders

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 03:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are cruel and outdated. Please ban rodeos in Los Angeles!

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Name: Catherine

Date Submitted: 06/05/2026 04:33 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo's have been a part of the Los Angeles heritage for over a hundred years, and aside from some bad actors, the events allow the current residents of Los Angeles to connect not only to its past but also to the history of the West. No one wants the animals (horses or cattle) to be harmed in any way, yet PETA argues that the very act of holding a Rodeo is causing harm. Ridiculous. Let's be realistic. The city can continue to allow rodeos and set up measures that directly ensure that the animals (and participants) are as safe as possible by eliminating electric prods and other devices. Please don't let a small group of radical bullies ruin an event with cultural roots within the black, Latino and white heritages.

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Name: Periel Stanfield

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 11:56 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I wholeheartedly support the ban on rodeos in Los Angeles. Rodeos are an antiquated form of “entertainment” that celebrate brutality and cruelty to animal. The reduced animals to objects and completely deny the pain and terror these innocent, unwilling participants endure while desensitizing children to the suffering of animals. They normalize and even glorify cruelty. It’s, frankly, nauseating to see people cheer harm being done to animals. We should not be forced to “respect cultural traditions” when this traditions (much like bull fighting) cause harm to innocent beings. There are plenty of other aspects of culture that can be celebrated that do not involve inflicting pain and suffering on innocent animals. I understand that Councilmember, Monica Rodriguez, has vowed to fight the proposed ordinance that will prohibit certain inhumane rodeo events. Rodriguez has characterized the ordinance as a threat to "our diverse and rich equestrian traditions that are widely celebrated in our community." That is completely untrue. 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. I urge the council to follow through on the rodeo ban. Human decency and compassion trumps culture and tradition. It’s high time for people to recognize this as a step toward a better world for all living beings. Thank you Periel Stanfield

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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?



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Name: Suzanne Habbershaw

Date Submitted: 06/06/2026 09:15 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please OPPOSE the proposed rodeo ban in the City of Los Angeles. It threatens so much of our diverse and rich equestrian traditions that are widely celebrated in our community. Los Angeles has a small but lively equestrian community and we need to enrich and continue this as part of our Angeleno and California heritage not loose it. Please oppose this ban. Suzanne Habbershaw
Shadow Hills, CA 91040

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Name: Elvia Sedano

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 09:20 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please bring the new rodeo ban ordinance to city council members for a full vote. Rodeos are cruel because they hurt animals and animals can feel terror and pain. City council members voted for a rodeo ordinance now please let them vote on it. We need this to protect animals from people that think hurting animals is okay. No more animal cruelty in the guise of culture. I am a Latina and this is not my culture.

Communication from Public

Name: Simone Rendell-Shelby

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 11:00 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are outright cruel, tell the animals it is tradition! Tradition, cultural should not come before cruelty. It serves no purpose. Animals feel pain, they have emotions, they are not objects and are not here for our entertainment either. Please can you ban this barbaric poor entertainment.

Communication from Public

Name: Claudia Bakker

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 12:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To Whom It May Concern, I am writing as a parent of a young rider and an active member of the horse community in Los Angeles. I support strong animal welfare standards and responsible horsemanship. At the same time, I respectfully ask the City to carefully consider the broader impact of Council File 20-1575 on responsible equestrian activities and western traditions. My young daughter (7 years old) participates in riding programs that teach horsemanship, responsibility, patience, discipline, confidence, and respect for animals. For many families, horses are not entertainment; they are part of education, youth development, therapy, community, and healthy outdoor activity. For my daughter, being around horses keeps her connected to nature, animals, and real-life friendships rather than only screens, online social media, and computer games. The horse community truly feels like a village, and it often takes a village to help raise a child. In Los Angeles, where families spend so much time in traffic and coordinating playdates, the experience of a ranch or equestrian center provides something meaningful and irreplaceable: connection, responsibility, outdoor activity, mentorship, and community. We have also personally experienced the kindness and care within the horse community. We have received support from compassionate trainers whose priority has always been education, safety, and the well-being of both horse and rider. Our horse is not simply an animal to us; he is a beloved member of our family. His welfare comes first. We invest significant time, care, and resources into his health, nutrition, veterinary care, grooming, comfort, and happiness, much like any loving pet owner would. We spend on a daily basis many hours caring for him, giving love and attention, and in return receive companionship, confidence, healing, and joy. Many horse families have what are often called “heart horses”, animals that become deeply meaningful members of the family. I am concerned that overly broad regulations could unintentionally affect responsible equestrian events, youth riding programs, barrel racing, ranch activities, training, and western heritage that many families rely on and value. Please consider the voices of responsible horse owners, trainers, parents, and ranch communities who care deeply about animal welfare and proper care. We support humane treatment and appropriate standards

while also preserving opportunities for responsible equestrian education, youth development, and western traditions in Los Angeles. Thank you for taking community input into consideration. Sincerely, Claudia H. Bakker Los Angeles

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Name: Madeline

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 01:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to support Councilmember Blumenfield's proposed ordinance to ban cruel rodeo events (CF 20-1575). In 2023, the City Council unanimously voted to ban the Rodeo in the City of Los Angeles. Subsequently, the City Attorney drafted the ordinance, which is awaiting a hearing before the Arts, Parks, Libraries, and Community Enrichment Committee and final Council passage. The ordinance would ban six cruel rodeo events including bull riding, which is brought to Los Angeles by a Texas-based touring organization, Professional Bull Riders. Events celebrating Latino heritage, music, food, horsemanship demonstrations, and other cultural activities are exempt and can continue under the ordinance. In these rodeos, 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. Animal cruelty has no place in Los Angeles. Our city believes in compassion and mercy for both humans and animals. Why would you want to normalize violence and domination? Many other practices that the modern age views as cruel were justified as "tradition" and "heritage." We know better and we must act better. Latino history can be celebrated in more compassionate ways. A more empathetic society is a better society. By passing this bill, Los Angeles can send a clear and ethical message that the cruelty of rodeos is unacceptable. I urge you to support agendaizing CF 20-1575 and swiftly vote to ban rodeos in the city of Los Angeles.

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Name: Jeff Hoffman

Date Submitted: 06/08/2026 11:50 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support a ban on rodeos in the city of LA. There is no good reason to allow animal cruelty to occur in our city under any circumstances including under the guise of tradition.