

Communication from Public

Name: Melanie

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Comments for Public Posting: Please vote yes to put the rodeo ban back on the agenda. In 2023, there was an unanimous vote to move the ban forward, until councilmember Rodriguez stalled it to change the language. Rodeos are traditional blood sport-timed competitions. CALF ROPING lassos them around the neck. The rope often jerks the calf into the air, snapping the head back and causing them to gasp for air. They fall hard to the ground and have their legs tied together. This can cause a broken back, neck, and spinal cord paralysis. STEER WRESTLING grabs the steer's horns, twists the animal's neck, and slams him to the ground. This causes a broken neck, cracked ribs, and internal bleeding. BRONC RIDING and BULL RIDING cause the horses and bulls to buck because of electric prods, sharp spurs, and a bucking strap wrapped around their flank, which tightly pinches the abdomen causing discomfort to buck. This causes a broken neck, legs, and back. Each one of these events puts innocent animals at risk for injuries and death for money. Rodeos are a tradition of cruelty and violence for entertainment at the expense of an animal's life. Animals are living, feeling beings, not objects. These events cause significant trauma and pain. Please vote against the rodeo's tools of torment and pain. Thank you.

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Name: Ariana

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Comments for Public Posting: Please SUPPORT the rodeo ban! “Rodeo is not part of our heritage, as rodeo promoters also claim. Wild horses were caught and tamed; they were never forced to buck. Calves were indeed roped but not in a timed event. Ranch calves were seldom roped more than once or twice in their entire lives, whereas rodeo calves are roped re-peatedly. Calves in practice pens are roped over and over until they are either too injured to use or exceed the weight limits. In a rodeo timed event, the calf is forced to run at top speed and then is stopped so violently by a rope around its neck that it is often jerked completely off its feet and slammed to the ground. The timed events cause injury because time is more important than the welfare of the calf. No cowboy on a ranch ever rode a bull. Bulls were for breeding and were too valuable to risk injury. Also, cowboys did not wrestle steers because there was no need to do this in any ranch activity.” -Peggy W. Larson, Rodeo Is Cruel Entertainment , 16 Pace Env'tl. L. Rev. 115 (1998) DOI: <https://doi.org/10.58948/0738-6206.1317> Available at: <https://digitalcommons.pace.edu/pelr/vol16/iss1/12> Culture is not a justification for animal exploitation or abuse. Culture is not a justification for that regardless of the being. Please act as if you were a baby running for your life and roped at neck breaking speed, electrically prodded, and terrorized for “entertainment.”

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Name: Monica Jimenez

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Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I urge the city council to consider the rodeo ordinance at their next meeting. Compassionate angelenos have been waiting for years since the City Council voted unanimously to ban these cruel events., and the time is now to bring it before the Council. I support your final adoption of this ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Drummond

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to put the rodeo ban on the city council agenda again before it would lapse, and to vote in favour of it. Many of today's arguments against the ban cited the importance of culture and tradition, but these cannot be wielded as a shield from scrutiny. There are many traditions from different cultures around the world that we in Los Angeles would never accept on these grounds, such as eating dogs and criminalising homosexuality. We would never defend these cruelties just because a certain group of people practise them, nor because they've been practised for a long time – we instead judge cultural traditions based on their own merits. Rodeo practices should be given the same consideration, rather than excused with a thought-terminating cliché. Culture is ever-changing, and many of us in Los Angeles are proud to be part of a city that drives cultural change to make the world a better place. We should be proud to set the example of a world where animals are respected and not exploited. This ordinance would not ban rodeos or rodeo culture entirely, but limit the events where animals are at greatest risk of injury. I would think the speakers today who described how much they care for their animals and oppose animal cruelty should support such an ordinance intended to protect these animals from the greatest risks of injury. An LA Times report showed there were at least 28 incidents of animals who died while performing between 2010 and 2022, for instance, crashing headfirst into metal poles or gates in a panic and breaking their necks. But even in an ideal scenario where cruelty is minimised, these events are not in the animals' best interests, who are used as props for entertainment. How does it benefit these animals to ride them against their will, to chase them down and tie them up, to wrestle them to the ground? Such events do not serve the animals in any way. I was also concerned by Councilmember Rodriguez' comments in this meeting, saying that she welcomed honest conversation from all sides, while also dismissing advocates for the ban as "exploiting her community" and making them "vulnerable to assault". This is a dishonest and disingenuous summary of advocates' position. US Border Patrol has been sponsoring Professional Bull Riders (PBR) for 18 years, with PBR's own website proudly displaying bullfighters wearing the Border Patrol logo on their clothing. As an immigrant to this country, I am particularly concerned about

how ICE has torn Los Angeles apart – especially given how they have targeted LatinX communities – and I do not appreciate Councilmember Rodriguez’ implication that any comments about ICE’s associations with PBR are an attack on her community. I oppose oppression of all kinds, which means rejecting both animal exploitation and ICE’s xenophobia. PBR is furthermore based in Texas and proclaims on their own website that their founders “wanted to break away from traditional rodeo and build a standalone sport around the most dangerous and thrilling event on the dirt.” Councilmember Rodriguez framing concerns about PBR’s events as an attack on local culture and tradition is again disingenuous when they are not from Los Angeles, are not part of local culture, and are seeking to break from tradition to make an event that is “dangerous” – assuredly putting animals in danger all the while. Council already voted unanimously to ban this form of animal cruelty in 2023. Please now ratify it.