

Communication from Public

Name: Mechelle George

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Comments for Public Posting: As a proud cowgirl and passionate advocate for rodeo, I strongly oppose the proposed ban on this cherished tradition in Los Angeles County. Rodeo is far more than entertainment—it is a vital part of our culture, history, and community. Rodeo teaches hard work, discipline, responsibility, and respect for animals. Those of us who live this lifestyle know that the bond between a rider and their animals is built on trust and care. Healthy, well-cared-for animals are essential, and responsible rodeo participants invest significant time and resources into their welfare. Rodeo also provides invaluable opportunities for young people. It teaches accountability, perseverance, compassion, and a strong work ethic while connecting them to agriculture and the values of responsibility and service. Equine programs associated with rodeo have also helped many individuals through therapeutic experiences that promote emotional healing and confidence. A ban would eliminate more than a sport—it would undermine a tradition that has shaped generations of families and communities. Rather than prohibiting rodeo, we should continue supporting responsible practices and high standards of animal care while preserving this important part of our heritage. Rodeo brings people together, strengthens communities, and instills values that benefit society as a whole. I respectfully urge you to vote against this proposed ban and protect a tradition that represents dedication, respect, and the enduring spirit of the American West.

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Name: Nina Heller

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Comments for Public Posting: Tradition should never be used as an excuse for animal abuse. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the use of animals in rodeo sports. Rodeos are inherently dangerous and inherently cruel for all the animals involved—including horses, bulls, steers, and calves. Despite claims from the industry, there are no proper or adequate animal protections provided to ensure the safety of these animals during these events. Instead, they are subjected to extreme stress, fear, and severe physical trauma for the sake of human entertainment. I am especially concerned by the barbaric and brutal events featured in Mexican-style rodeos (charreadas), most notably "horse tripping". In this event, contestants purposefully lasso the legs of a galloping horse, violently tripping the animal and forcing it to crash to the ground. This forces the horse to absorb devastating impacts, frequently resulting in broken necks, shattered legs, and internal injuries that lead to death or premature slaughter. Similarly, "steer tailing" (coleadero) involves violently yanking running steers to the ground by their tails, often causing broken bones and tails to be stripped to the bone. These practices are not standard ranching activities; they are unnecessary acts of cruelty that have absolutely no place in a civilized society. In fact, the American Veterinary Medical Association and the American Association of Equine Practitioners condemn horse tripping, and multiple states have already outlawed the practice entirely. I urge all governing bodies to enact strict ordinances or statewide legislation to ban these inherently dangerous and brutal rodeo events to protect innocent animals from suffering for entertainment.

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Name: Allegra McCullough

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Comments for Public Posting: Living in the East, cowboy culture, although far away is something I never stopped dreaming about. The history of our Western, Cowboy Culture deserves to be preserved and celebrated at all cost. The role of various ethnicities involved in this history is one which should be celebrated. Please support this culture, as the international expectations of being able to experience this side of America is great