

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT ban rodeo and rodeo-like events in L.A. Please listen to those with actual experience with rodeo animals and the rodeo industry, and not agenda driven activists.

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Comments for Public Posting: It's common knowledge that rodeos are incredibly cruel to animals. However, in late 2025, it was discovered that rodeos are being used to recruit ICE agents. For instance, the Border Patrol is a major sponsor, paying \$3 million a year. Border Patrol sets up recruitment booths and is a major part of the event, as rodeo clowns wear 'Border Patrol' insignia on their shirts and pants. Likewise, there are ads throughout the arena. Some events even feature dramatic entrances as Border Patrol agents rappel from the rafters while the National Anthem plays. ICE has acknowledged that it uses Border Patrol agents in removal operations and raids in sanctuary cities (like Los Angeles). As such, we, the undersigned organizations, urge the Los Angeles City Council to pass the Los Angeles Rodeo Ban (Council File 20-1575) to remove large-scale professional rodeos and their recruitment of Border Patrol and ICE agents that terrorize Latinx and Black communities in LA and beyond. Source: <https://www.motherjones.com/politics/2025/10/border-patrol-rodeo-recruitment-uvalde-cbp-ice-trump-pbr-photoessay/>
Organizations: NorCal Resist Never Again Action

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Name: spcaLA

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Comments for Public Posting: On behalf of spcaLA and its millions of constituents, we write in to applaud and vigorously support the proposed ban.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not get rid of rodeos.

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Name: David Gershwin
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Comments for Public Posting: I represent The Western Sports Industry Coalition, a group of 60 western sports industry leaders including Professional Bull Riders (PBR), Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo, Compton Cowboys, the California Charro Association, National Buffalo Soldiers, California Circuit Finals Pro Rodeo – which represents over 40 rodeos in California – and the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). First, the opponents of rodeo came for our equipment, including spurs and flank straps. Then, they had to accept the fact that spurs used in rodeo events were dull and wouldn't even impact human skin, let alone the skin of an animal. They had to accept the fact that flank straps were made of thick, soft cotton rope or thick, soft leather, and that these straps don't hurt animals in any way - not to mention the fact that animal skin is much thicker than human skin. Then, the opponents of rodeo came for our activities - trying to ban the very events that make the sport of rodeo unique. These activities were skills developed over time on the ranch by cowboys and cowgirls of all backgrounds, including Black and Latino cowboys and cowgirls. These cowboys and cowgirls were brought up in an environment where animals were treasured and valued. Harming animals in any way runs counter to the strong ethos that rodeo helps reinforce. Opponents of rodeo ignored this completely, and made a conscious choice not to understand the fact that all officially-sanctioned rodeo events adhere to strict state of California guidelines with respect to having attending or on-call veterinary supervision at all times. They ignored the fact that animal athletes, be they a horse or bull, receive the highest level of care and affection from their owners. If anyone knows animal welfare, it's the sportsmen and sportswomen of rodeo who spend countless hours and resources ensuring that their animal athletes are in peak health so that they can compete at the highest level. But now, rodeo opponents are resorting to misinformation and unethical scare tactics, by mail and in person, absurdly linking rodeo to federal agencies having absolutely nothing to do with rodeo. Why? Because they've run out of facts. Rodeo opponents now feel they have to resort to scare tactics with false information, instilling fear in local communities. I'll tell you what - some people would call that human cruelty. Sadly, they would be correct.