

## Communication from Public

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Having been raised in the San Fernando Valley, I remember when there was still an agricultural base in LA County. That, of course, is long gone. I went on to attain a degree in Animal Science and work in the cattle industry and raising and training Quarter Horses. Though now retired, I still have a fundamental interest in this culture, part of which is Rodeo. Most people today do not have a realistic concept of Rodeo and agriculture in general. As a result many have been led to believe that Rodeo is a cruel sport. Indeed, it does appear that way to those who do not know much about it. In reality, bucking stock, both horses and bulls, are highly valued and very well taken care of. Likewise, horses used in Rodeo and other equestrian competitions are also prized. I would hope that the Council will not vote to ban Rodeo in Los Angeles....it can be a window for those not familiar with the western lifestyle to see a different culture and way of life.