

Communication from Public

Name: Melanie Shaw

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are traditional blood sport competitions. They put innocent animals at risk for injuries and death to win money. Bareback Bronc Riding, Bull Riding, Calf Roping, Saddle Bronc Riding, Steer wrestling, and Team Roping events are extremely cruel to calves, bulls, steers, and horses. They suffer from broken legs, backs, head trauma, rope burns, choking, bruising, torn ligaments, ripped tendons, punctured lungs, cracked ribs and snapped necks. Animals are living, feeling beings. These events cause significant trauma, fear, and pain. Rodeos are a tradition of violence and cruelty for entertainment at the expense of an animal's life. Why do bulls buck? Metal spurs, "hotshot" electric prods, and flank straps wrapped around their torso causing discomfort to buck. In 2023, the Extreme Rodeo was at the Orange County Fairgrounds. I was outside the side gate of the Action Sports Arena. From my view, I could see the bulls and horses in the back pens. The handler jumped on top of the pens. He was kicking and hitting the bulls with a broom to get them to move into the bucking chute. I heard the commotion when the bull was injured. I couldn't see inside the arena, but I could hear the announcer say they needed to get the bull back into the pen and making jokes about it, not realizing his leg was broken. I later saw the video when a spectator posted it on YouTube. She commented that many witnesses felt the sadness of the rodeo and left early. Right out of the chute, the bull bucked and fell on his leg causing it to break. It was left to dangle, as the wranglers carelessly tried to get him back into the pen. The bull was still somewhat bucking because a flank strap wrapped around his torso was causing him to do so. They continued to rope the bull's neck, and the saliva went flying out of his mouth. They pulled and tugged at the bull's body with no awareness or care for his broken leg and the pain he was enduring. They also brought out the other bulls hoping he would follow them back into the pen. After several minutes, a truck came to take the bull away. Animals injured during rodeo events are put to death because of their injuries. They are treated as products, not living beings. The Costa Mesa City Council was made aware of the video. Mayor John Stephens took immediate action by talking to the CEO of the Fair Event Center. They decided not to bring back the Extreme Rodeo to the OC Fair. Please join his compassion and ban animal cruelty in Los Angeles.

Thank you, Councilmember Blumenfield, for your dedicated compassion for animals. The City Council unanimously voted for the ban in 2023. Councilmember Jurado, please put this on the calendar to vote on the revised language by the City Attorney. Join Irvine, Pasadena, Napa Valley, and San Francisco in a rodeo ban. Do not allow Los Angeles to be a city that supports violence. Thank you, Melanie

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Name: Klara Sorensen

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Comments for Public Posting: I deeply support a rodeo ban and want to emphasize its absolute importance. Rodeos are arbitrary events where animal cruelty and needless violence are hidden by vague notions of tradition and family centered fun. As a previous rodeo participant, I have an insider perspective: rodeo culture is callous, violent, and ignorant - something that you cannot see when you are living within it. There is no need in modern society to inflict suffering upon animals for entertainment. There is no education for children in rodeos, unless we are teaching children to disrespect animals, to see them as mere objects, and to ignore their proven complexity, range of emotions and evolutionary needs. A rodeo ban is imperative to a peaceful society. City Council, thank you for your consideration and I commend your forward-thinking.

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Name: David Bailey

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Comments for Public Posting: I am in support of the LA Rodeo ban. Rodeos are a cruel and outdated tradition that subject the animals to massive mental and physical trauma, and often death. These events are also very dangerous for the rider, and can often be fatal for them as well. I'd like to thank Bob Blumenfield very much for his compassion in moving this bill forward.

Communication from Public

Name: Los Angeles Animal Defense League

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Comments for Public Posting: LAADL fully supports the rodeo ban. Rodeos are inherently cruel to gentle animals who never consented to be abused in the name of entertainment. We have personally gone undercover in the past and what we witnessed in the arena was heartbreaking beyond belief: every animal ran for their life and we could visibly see the horror in their eyes. Such cruelty has no place in modern society, especially not in the City of LA. We urge you to please finally pass the ban and set a good example for the rest of the country. Thank you for your time and empathy.

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Comments for Public Posting: As evidenced by the injuries and deaths they suffer, rodeos are inherently cruel to the animals who are made to be in them. Humans are voluntary participants, animals are not. The city of LA should not condone such animal abuse. Please ban rodeos!