

Communication from Public

Name: Theresa Macellaro, Chair Animal Law Section, Los Angeles County Bar Association

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Council File No: 20-1575

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BY ELECTRONIC MAIL

The Honorable City Council of the City of Los Angeles
Room 395, City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Letter in Support of Ordinance Banning Rodeos, Council File 20-1575

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Sincerely,

/s/ Theresa J. Macellaro

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<https://www.americanheritage.com/late-late-frontier>

