

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Caroline

**Date Submitted:** 11/11/2024 05:39 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Preserve western culture and heritage by saving rodeo!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary & Ray Nebergall

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 09:23 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in favor of rodeo in Los Angeles, California. I am fifth generation Californian rancher. Animals are not intentionally injured at rodeos Very few animals are injured, and they have a veterinarian to take care of them in Nobody cares better for the rodeo animals in Rodeo contractors If half of America, that's homeless and ridiculed by their own family retreated, as well as rodeo animals would be a much better country. How many Peter people are super sweet and nice?? I am 67 years old, and I have people that I know that have been defending rodeos for at least 40 years Do the pita people have anything better to do with their lives? Do they eat meat? Do they were leather do the chickens? I'd like to have the answers to these questions I have seen pita people protest with choke chain collars on their dogs at a Rodeo and of course I did not have my phone to take a picture of that. Please tell me how great of behavior that is?

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lynn Gallagher  
**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 09:52 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please pass the proposed ordinance to ban rodeos in L.A. Rodeo is a spectacle of domination. It is animal abuse for profit and entertainment. The animals should not suffer so that some humans to be entertained.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Daniel Dauphin

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 10:23 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo stock lives a pretty darn good life. You can't force those animals to perform. They do it naturally, and with zest. The people in the livestock industry, including rodeo, are the backbone of this country and stewards of their animals. They spend incredible amounts of money caring for these animals and often involved world class professionals in that care. To act as though inhumane treatment is occurring and to the degree that the sport needs to be banned involves a level of foolishness, ignorance, and self-involved virtue signalling that only Californian Politicians could pull off. A ton of people in your urban areas live FAR worse lives than these animals involved in all aspects of rodeo.

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**Name:** Brock McCormick

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 10:45 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The proposed ordinance seeks to prohibit several traditional rodeo activities under the guise of animal welfare concerns. However, this action overlooks the critical role of these events in preserving Western heritage and the rigorous animal welfare standards already in place. 1. Animal Welfare Standards Rodeo associations, including the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA), have established strict guidelines to ensure the humane treatment of animals. Veterinarians are present at events to oversee animal care, and rules are enforced to prevent the mistreatment of livestock. Many of these animals are valuable assets, with rodeo bulls and horses receiving high-quality care comparable to that of prized racehorses. 2. Cultural Significance and Education Rodeo events are a significant part of Western culture, serving as a living reminder of the skills required in ranching and agricultural life. Banning these events would not only erase a piece of American history but also deny urban audiences the opportunity to learn about and connect with the rural lifestyle. Rodeos serve as educational platforms, promoting understanding of livestock handling and the skills required in the agricultural sector. 3. Economic Impact Rodeo events contribute significantly to local economies, generating revenue for small businesses, tourism, and charity initiatives. The economic benefits of hosting such events go beyond ticket sales, extending to vendors, sponsors, and community organizations that often rely on these gatherings for fundraising. 4. Precedent and Overreach Banning traditional rodeo events could set a concerning precedent that impacts various forms of livestock exhibitions and agricultural activities. This overreach may also affect other popular events such as 4-H competitions, county fairs, and educational demonstrations, which are pivotal in supporting youth agricultural education and preserving the connection between urban and rural communities. Conclusion While the intention behind this ordinance may be to protect animal welfare, the proposed ban fails to acknowledge the robust standards and regulations already in place that ensure the humane treatment of rodeo animals. Instead of banning these activities, we should focus on enforcing existing guidelines, improving educational efforts, and fostering a greater understanding of Western heritage and the importance of agricultural practices. By collaborating with

rodeo organizations and animal welfare advocates, Los Angeles can strike a balance that respects both the cultural traditions of rodeo and the ethical treatment of animals.

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**Name:** Eric Mills

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 11:57 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Nearly every animal welfare organization on the planet condemns rodeo due to its inherent cruelty. I urge the City Council to adopt the proposed ordinance ASAP, ban the most blatant cruelties.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Concerned Citizen

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 12:54 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo has been an American tradition for centuries. The skills used by rodeo participants are skills necessary in the areas of our country that feed America. It's no different than public competitions of line workers or loggers. No one is forced to watch rodeo or to be involved in rodeo if they find it objectionable. The majority of Americans enjoy watching different rodeo events. Lately, it seems that we, as a country, have decided that because a very small portion of American citizens finds something offensive that we ALL must cater to the minority at the expense of the majority. I respect another person's right to feel what they feel and to not participate in something that they do not agree with, but we must STOP catering to the few that want to control us all. A ban on rodeo would be an offense against the majority of California citizens' rights. Our Declaration of Independence states, " We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness". "Liberty" is defined as "the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views". It is my opinion that rodeo brings many people happiness, and their rights to that happiness, and their liberties should not be superseded by a small number of people who feel the need to project their feelings onto our unalienable rights as a reason to ban an industry that has a long, rich history, enjoyed by millions of Americans. I ask that you vote no on any type of rodeo bans. Thank you for your time.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** CHRISTINE HOCUTT

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 02:00 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to a ban on rodeo in Los Angeles or anywhere else. The people who are behind requesting this ban are radical extremists who have not done any investigation into their allegations. The horses and livestock are very well cared for and their well being is paramount. There are rules and safeguards to protect welfare. None of these ignorant people have been behind the scenes to see the excellent care these animals receive. They are valuable and bred specifically for the events they compete in, many only "working" for a few minutes per week. The claims of abuse are unfounded and unproven. I am a lifelong horseman who has owned horses for 63 years. There will be injuries in all sports, but rodeo has taken every precaution to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the animals. The events they "compete" in are the same that one would see on a ranch. To ban a sport rich in American and Mexican culture because some ill-informed, agenda driven radicals demand it would be ludicrous. Thank you for not considering their ridiculous accusations,

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 02:07 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The ongoing attack on in your city on the heritage of Bill Picket and the Vaquero culture, in addition to the attack on rodeo is shocking. This is an extreme stance on limiting people's rights and ability to practice their hobby and passion as well as their livelihood and ability to generate an income. Stop listening to the Extreme animal rights agenda and please talk to the Rodeo industry and veterinary experts. Rodeo animals are some of the best taken care of in the world.

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**Name:** Sally Delgado

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo. There is no animal cruelty. Animals are very well taken care of.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeremy Black

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 02:22 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** There is no need to ban Rodeos in LA. Rodeos have been going all around the world for decades. These animals are athletes and there isn't any harm being done to these animals.

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 03:10 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeos in Las Angeles. Thanks.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ben Dixon

**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 04:07 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** City Council members, please save Rodeo as it is a sport many people enjoy including Mexican & African American cultures. Recent elections have shown that many people, mainly in big cities are not in touch with rural Americans. Rodeo is a way of life in small town America and you have a chance to show unity with your fellow Americans. Please save Rodeo, it is the original sport of America. Thank You

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**Name:** Matthew K  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please ban rodeo events in Los Angeles! "Just as we no longer accept cockfighting or dogfighting as legitimate 'traditions,' we must recognize rodeos as incompatible with modern values of compassion and respect for animals." - Julianna Tetlow, senior director of government relations at the San Diego Humane Society.  
<https://timesofsandiego.com/opinion/2024/11/07/rodeos-are-lawful-but-theyre-also-a-tradition-whose-time-has-passed/>

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**Name:** Samuel C  
**Date Submitted:** 11/12/2024 05:03 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please ban the rodeo in Los Angeles immediately! "Animal abuse has no place in Los Angeles and our laws must be changed to reflect the will of the public. The Council must now decide whose side they are on." - Chris DeRose is the president and founder of Last Chance for Animals (LCA)  
<https://www.dailynews.com/2022/02/07/its-time-to-buck-the-rodeo/>



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**Name:** Matt King  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please ban rodeo in Los Angeles! 'Rodeos are inherently cruel' - ERIC MILLS  
[https://www.tehachapinews.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-rodeos-are-inherently-cruel/article\\_72b23be6-5637-11e8-9519-6703d0d52d39.html](https://www.tehachapinews.com/opinion/letter-to-the-editor-rodeos-are-inherently-cruel/article_72b23be6-5637-11e8-9519-6703d0d52d39.html)

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**Name:** Sam C  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I advocate that the Los Angeles City Council ban rodeos! 'Rodeo is condemned by every major animal welfare organization in the U.S. due to its inherent cruelty.' - Eric Mills, coordinator, Action for Animals  
<https://www.durangoherald.com/articles/rodeos-misogyny-cruelty-predictable/>

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**Name:** Nina K  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeos should be banned because they promote sexist behavior. Sexism has no place in the city of Los Angeles! 'I was equally dismayed at the sexist and misogynistic comments from the rodeo announcer and the rodeo clown throughout the three-hour rodeo program.'  
<https://www.durangoherald.com/articles/misogyny-and-politicking-at-rodeo-stop/>

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**Name:** Caroline

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Protect the sport of rodeo to protect heritage! Doing away with rodeo is doing away with culture. Help protect western culture!

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**Name:** Stephanie

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This war against rodeo needs to be stopped. These animals love what they do, get to travel & see things most people only dream of doing. They're natural athletes that deserve the spotlight they're given. No one cares more for livestock than those of us who get the opportunity to work with & caretake these athletes. Anyone who believes that rodeo is exploiting or abusive to the livestock really has no clue and refuses to believe the truth when it's laid in front of them. Honestly, instead of worrying about rodeos, why don't they go do something for the homeless dogs & cats or stop the dog fighting? Long live rodeo!