Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting:	Rodeos started as friendly competitions between ranchos when raising cattle in the Southwest required skills, many are still used today. Culturally the core of this ordinance is the DIFFERENCE in how we historically raise cows. The English and Irish from the East Coast would take their cows out of the barn to pasture in the mornings then bring them into the barn at night. In the Southwest, cattle need large areas to roam to sustain themselves in an arid desert. It takes 250 areas of land to feed one cow over the course of a year. Horses and rodeo skills are how cowboys manage the cattle over the long distance. All rodeo , including American Rodeo, Native American Rodeo and Bill Pickens Black Rodeo, comes from Mexican Rodeo. Some examples are cross over terms we use today: "Vacqueros" "Buckaroo", "La Reata" "Lariat", "Da Le Vuelta" "Dally Roping". Charreria (Mexican Rodeos) have more than 3 events. The San Fernando Valley has been home to Charreria since before California became a state in 1850. THIS rodeo ban is an ordinance of WHITE PRIVILEDGE targeting the Los Angeles Mexican American Community. The current Rodeo Ordinance Council File 20-1575 as written may target Pro Rodeo, but the end results are specifically RACISITS against any City of Los Angeles Mexican Charro event. Excepted from this ordinance are Polo, Dressage, Hunter Jumpers, and the LAPD mounted unit (who use spurs as part of their LAPD required uniform). How many Mexican American or African American Polo, Dressage or Hunter Jumper equestrians have you seen in competition? How many WHITE American Charros have you seen riding in the San Fernando Valley? The Mexican American equestrians who have continuously practiced Charreria in the San Fernando Valley every weekend for the last 173 years are being unfairly targeted and this ordinance CAN NOT BE SUPPORTED as written. PLEASE VOTE NO! Lia Baca, Los Angeles Equestrian Coalition