

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jamie Sanders

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 05:51 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please consider my statement regarding the upcoming motion to ban rodeos in the city of Los Angeles. It is exciting and optimistic, knowing how future-forward the city of Los Angeles is, in making sure the animals are protected, humans are not exploited, and that the public opinion is heard. And the public has voiced in agreement that rodeos are cruel and unusual punishment towards animals. Animals do not consent to be cheap entertainment, and they are counting on you to make the right decision. Please support the ban of rodeos in Los Angeles and set the stage for other cities to follow.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/29/2023 03:00 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm as strongly OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSED BAN ON RODEOS. I have been a horse owner for over 40 years and been a fan of rodeos for my entire life. There are numerous protections already in place to protect the animals. The rodeo animals are treated as the top athletes that they are. Rodeos are part of the history of this state and should not be banned because a group of people who know nothing about horses, cows, sheep and all the other animals in the rodeo have decided that they don't like rodeos. Please do not vote to ban rodeos.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Carrie J Garland

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 09:21 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo animals are treated humanely and with the utmost care. The proof and science have been shared with the council MANY times. Stop allowing your vote to be hijacked by animal extremist groups pushing an agenda that will only hurt your city. The revenue brought in by all the different Rodeo events, the jobs, and the economic impact is what you should be thinking about instead of bending to the will of people who don't care what happens to your city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rocky Feist

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 05:51 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Keep Rodeo! Vote NO. It made my family for many generations and successful life and no animals or humans were injured.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 10:37 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do NOT ban rodeo or other equine events! Preserve the tradition and roots of our Hispanic descendants! Viva el rodeo!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kevin Salzman

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 10:56 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** As a former Rodeo Athlete and lover of all western sports, I urge you to get educated on the facts and truth before you blindly sign into law a bill that is not based on facts and truth. DO NOT PASS this!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 06:39 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please strongly consider the ban on rodeos in Los Angeles. Animals are terrorized. They live in complete fear while being prodded with devices of torture, all in the name of entertainment.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Wendy Marcus Minovitz

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 01:12 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The belief in animal rights, the philosophy that sentient animals have moral worth and that their most basic interests such as avoiding suffering should be afforded the same consideration as those of human beings, has made some progress. This can be seen in animal cruelty laws such as bans on bullfighting and here in California a statewide ban on the sale of new animal fur products. Unfortunately we still have a long way to go. Los Angeles has a Neighborhood & Community Enrichment committee that oversees animal welfare of which my Council member John Lee is the vice chair. By the way thank you to those who supported the breeding moratorium which helps cats and dogs. Advocating for them is really not that different than for the farm animals abused and killed in rodeos. Please support Council member Blumenfield's rodeo ordinance. A ban on rodeos helps humans as well as animals since it will eliminate the horrific accidents that maim and kill them as well. Thank you.



## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Mary Lynn Krupp

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 06:42 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am against Rodoes because they do not treat the animals right.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** DeSean

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 01:17 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Listen rodeos are not abusing animals. It's quite absurd for yall to think that. The joy it brings to the people and families in the rodeo industry should out weigh this idiotic thought that rodeos are abusing animals. Yall are looking in the wrong places to find animal abuse. Stop being idiots and leave the rodeos alone they ain't doing jack crap to you.

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**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 05:48 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Don't yield to deep pocket extremists that are trying to cancel the sport of Rodeo by using underhanded tactics including hiring protesters, spreading false and inflammatory photos. Rodeo is an historic activity that is dear to many Americans. Please save the great sport of Rodeo in LA.

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Vote no, let's KEEP RODEO

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary Haas

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 05:20 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is a way of life for many families. Rodeo helps educate our youth and feed our families. The animals that perform in Rodeo are very well kept and fed. They are NOT abused at all. Rodeo livestock are very very well kept. Just think if you are a rodeo bull you have to work less than 1 minute per performance! For that performance at a rodeo: you get feed, hay, water, and a nice place to hang out and play with the other bulls. You get to travel and see many parts of this great country and your job is to unload a cowboy. For unloading that cowboy you gain recognition and earn statistics just like other professionals. Everyone wins. The cowboys and cowgirls gain recognition as do the animals. You have to make more money at one rodeo than many other competitions. Young people who grow up learning to take care of their barrel horse or roping horse learn many lessons in life that they will not learn anywhere else. They learn responsibility, the importance of practice, caring for your equipment and most of all caring for your horse. They learn to be a team player and a good sportsperson. Banning Rodeo will cancel a way of life that has been a way of showing the ability of cowboys and cowgirls to perform everyday ranch chores in a competitive environment. Rodeo was in Mexico in 1551 to pick which horses were worth keeping. Let's keep Rodeo in Los Angeles and the WORLD.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary Haas

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 05:30 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** KEEP RODEO. If you ban rodeo you better ban every form of sports as many are hurt and injured playing sports and racing cars! In comparison, very few are injured in rodeo.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** J D Bowling

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 05:36 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Banning rodeo is makes little or no sense, with all the problems we have in the world why pick on Rodeo. Instead, why not concentrate on all the illegals streaming across the open borders and hurting tax paying Americans!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Corky Bryan

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 05:47 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** VOTE NO. Rodeo is not cruel. Those who think spurs are weapons have no idea how they are used and what purpose they serve.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Melodie Conrad  
**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 04:53 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Banning the cruel spectacle of rodeo is long overdue. Allowing animal abuse to pass for entertainment with the endorsement of a prestigious city like Los Angeles is shameful. Please deny these animal abusers any place in our fair city.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Christine Lalonde

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 05:03 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** RODEOS ARE ANIMAL ABUSE & EVERYONE KNOWS IT. WE ARE SUPPOSED TO CARE FOR ANIMALS AND NOT HARM THEM. SEEING THIS SUPPORTING THIS AND TAKING OTHERS TO SHARE IN THE HORRIFIC SPECTACLE IS PROMOTING VIOLENCE. THE ANIMALS HAVE NO CHOICE, THEY WOULD NOT BE THERE BUT THEY ARE FORCED TO BE THERE. EVERYTHING IS WELL DOCUMENTED AND THE ANIMAL ABUSE HAS BEEN PHOTOGRAPHED AND FILMED. ANYONE WHO ENJOYS HURTING ANOTHER LIVING BEING HAS A FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM. ALL ANIMALS HAVE THE SAME VALUE. AND MOST PEOPLE WOULD NOT WANT THEIR PETS SUBJECTED TO THIS CRUELTY. THIS IS BLATANTLY SINFUL AGAINST GOD'S CREATION, AND WE ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO GOD FOR EVERY SINGLE THING IN OUR LIVES. THERE ARE NO REASONS TO CONTINUE THIS AND EVERY REASON TO STOP IT. DO WHAT YOU KNOW THAT YOU SHOULD DO AND OUTLAW IT. THANK YOU SINCERELY.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robyn Hicks

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 08:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Imagine being an animal in the rodeo. The confinement for most of the year. The vehicles trucking you here and there. The events with loud music and lights and cheering. The spurs digging into your skin. The rope thrown around your neck as you run at full speed in fear and confusion. The bruising. The broken bones. These are gentle animals. Grass eaters. Gentle. They don't deserve to be treated in this way. California has led the way on moving away from treating animals like objects (the fur ban, puppy mill ban, etc). Rodeos use animals. Nothing about rodeos is natural. It's just exploiting them. Please end it. Please imagine what it's like for them. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robyn Annette Hicks

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 08:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Imagine you are an animal in a rodeo. Imagine the confinement most of the year. Imagine being trucked all over the place, from event to event. Imagine the events: the noise, the lights, the cheering. Nothing natural to you as an animal. Nothing. Spurs digging into your skin. Ropes thrown around your neck as you're running at full speed in fear and confusion. Bruises. Broken bones. Next event, more fear and more injuries. These are gentle animals. Gentle animals being hurt. Please ban the rodeo. It is a cruel tradition. Imagine how they feel. Imagine what they experience. End this cruelty now.

## **Communication from Public**

**Name:** Faith Warner

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 01:46 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** RODEO BAN ASAP??WE NEED TO END THIS??

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ariana

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 08:02 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm calling for a ban on rodeos. They're outdated, cruel, and these animals get no say in the matter. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alessandra Flores

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 08:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Council President Krekorian, I'm a community member in Sylmar and I'm strongly opposed to the Rodeo Ordinance. This ordinance is too broad and will result in confusion and unfair enforcement impacting many important cultural events and activities happening in our communities. The catch-all definition including "rodeo-like events" leaves room for confusion as to what other cultural events will be impacted, such as Mexican charreadas. Charreadas may be lesser known to the average Animal Services employee but may become subject to this new rule when they are called out to enforce. The ordinance also regulates certain tools labeled as inhumane but only considers them inhumane in the context of a Rodeo, impacting certain communities (especially those of color) and sports in the city, while allowing others that use the same tools to continue unaffected. For example, a polo player wouldn't be included in the Rodeo ordinance and therefore allowed to use spurs however a participant of a charreada using spurs will be subject to city fines and enforcement. This is unfair and does not support humane animal practices or a level playing field. It is important to note that charreadas are a common weekend family event in the northeast San Fernando Valley. This is not an irrelevant issue or antiquated practice in Los Angeles, it's a tie to the heritage of many Angelenos and why we choose to live in equestrian zoned communities like the San Fernando Valley. Please vote no on this ordinance to avoid unfair enforcement and ending various cultural events and activities.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 02:58 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** It's time to stop allowing rodeos in Los Angeles. It's time to evolve from roping, spurring, electric prodding, flank strapping and otherwise tormenting innocent animals. Without all of those things there is no rodeo! These animals are trucked all over, without food/water and often without being treated for injuries and illnesses. The animals deserve better. IT'S NOT ENTERTAINMENT-IT'S VIOLENCE! Just like Ringling Bros (and smaller privately owned circuses), the Griffith Park pony rides, etc the rodeo needs to go. Be an example, we are Los Angeles-the entertainment capital of the world-we can do better by being better. Please impose a complete ban on rodeos. Thank you!



## Communication from Public

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**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 08:13 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** We would like rodeos to be banned to prevent cruelty to the animals.

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**Name:** Rene Flores

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**Name:** Albert Batteate

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This sort of thing is happening in a lot of different places it is pushed by special interest groups that are well-funded they spread false information about animal abuse in the rodeo and equestrian events In my county, we have just gone through a similar ordeal Once our Alameda county supervisors realized the information they were given by the animal Rights, organizations was unconfirmed, and false information The rodeo organizations take animal rights very seriously and they are regulated by the state of California What is animal rights groups have found is they have not been able to sway the state to see things there way and see the city and county supervisors as a easier target to sell their falls, accusations to I can only hope that you will be able to see there, false narratives, and agendas for what they are and don't fall pray them Thank you Albert Batteate

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lou Lucero

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 09:41 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** To whom it may concern, My name is Lou and I would like to ask for the Los Angeles City Council to ban all rodeos in Los Angeles. Rodeos are very cruel to the animals at these events and completely unnecessary. Farm animals are not to use and abuse for entertainment purposes. This is not a sport because these animals are not willing participants. I find it disturbing what type of society I live in that allows human beings to rope, shock, prod, plank, spur, and tie down animals in the name of "fun". Our society seems to have more and more egotistical maniacs and its caused by wild behavior like this. There are so many other forms of entertainment that do not require harming an animal. On August 3rd of 2023, there was a rodeo at the Orange County fair in California. A bull broke his leg after being chased by cowboys with a rope. The bull just sat down because his leg was broken (see pictures). This truly broke my heart hearing the crowd laugh and cheer until they realized what had just happened. The announcer on the speaker tried to distract the crowd by making jokes. This is not the type of behavior we should ever allow in a society of non violence. What are we doing to future generations when we use animals like slaves. Please make a decision to better future generations to come. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ted

**Date Submitted:** 11/30/2023 11:12 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear City Council Members, Please do not ban the rodeo in Los Angeles. For some people including myself the rodeo was the first interaction with non domesticated animals. Horses and cows are apart of our history, the great migration west was not done by cars. going to the rodeo offers a moment to connect with our history as a nation and books and tv do not do justice. There always needs to have a balance of protecting wild life and I am for that, but you do not have to ban rodeo to accomplish this goal. There are many things that are not black and white, yes or no. Rodeo enriches the lives of those who participate and spectate more than overall harm. People get hurt in football, soccer, etc but we do not have people trying to ban those sports. Please do not ban the rodeo.