

Communication from Public

Name: Vicki Dee Rock
Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 03:25 PM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I implore you to please ban rodeos in the city of Los Angeles. It took a long time for us to understand the cruelty to animals in the circus, and for the most part they do not use animals any longer. We must ask ourselves whether we can continue asking for entertainment that causes harm to other beings ... as human beings we need to say no to this. I realize there are some that will be unhappy with this ban - unhappy to lose something they enjoy. But human beings are adaptable. They will adjust and find new forms of entertainment. Please let's make the highest choice here and ban rodeos in Los Angeles. It is cruelty to animals. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee
Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 03:30 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see attached letter from the Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee dated 12-03-2023 (this may be a duplicate submission)

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December 3, 2023

Mayor Karen Bass and LA City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Subject: Proposed City-Wide Ban on Rodeo Events in Los Angeles

To: Members, Los Angeles City Council,

The Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee, formed in 2008 by the City Council to advise on matters pertaining to horses, would like to express our concerns about the proposals currently under deliberation by the Los Angeles City Council, one of which advocates for a ban on certain reasonable instruments important for the safety of both animal and humans participating in equestrian sports and a recent proposal to adopt a comprehensive city-wide ban on rodeo activities.

While we deeply value and support concerns about animal welfare, we believe that a balanced perspective, recognizing responsible horsemanship practices and cultural heritage, is essential when considering such a significant regulatory measure. We are concerned that the City Council has not adequately considered this ordinance, particularly the most recent submission by the department of Animal Services, prior to its consideration. For this reason, we strongly recommend tabling the motion pending further consideration and discussion.

Specifically, it is imperative that:

1. Tools such as Spurs, whips, tie-downs, and ropes, which, when used judiciously and competently, are essential tools that facilitate effective communication between riders and their equine companions, and which contribute to safety for both rider and horse by aiding in steering, guiding, and maintaining control, especially in challenging circumstances, should not be subject to blanket prohibition as a result of language used in this ordinance.
2. Authentic representations of cultural practices that celebrate the heritage, skills, and shared bonds between humans and animals are not prohibited as a result of this ordinance
3. Competent and responsible training practices that use tools that have been specifically mentioned in discussions of this ordinance should not be prohibited as a result of this ordinance, as long as industry regulations and animal welfare standards are upheld. Appropriate training practices are integral to responsible horsemanship, fostering care, respect, and effective communication with the animals, which is vital to maintaining trust and cooperation between humans and horses.

We urge you to remember that there are numerous existing state and local statutes and regulations prohibiting animal cruelty. As we have previously indicated, we believe that strengthening and enforcement of these statutes and regulations is most appropriate, not a new ordinance predicated on the inflammatory contention that rodeo constitutes animal abuse per se.

In 2019, the equine industry contributed \$8.3 billion to California's GDP, employing hundreds of thousands. This industry supports numerous jobs and businesses, including veterinarians, farriers, trainers, tack stores, feed stores, truck sales, trailer sales, boarding facilities, and more. While we are not aware of data specific to Los Angeles, it is essential that any proposed ordinance not adversely affect the equine industry.

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Given the foregoing, including the substantial economic contribution of the equine industry, we respectfully urge the Los Angeles City Council to specifically consider any proposal to ban rodeo, or the tools or implements used therein, in light of its potential negative effects on the diverse, cross-cultural community equestrian community of Los Angeles. We believe that a balanced approach, emphasizing education, adherence to established animal welfare laws, guidelines, and collaboration with equestrian experts, will better achieve the desired outcomes while safeguarding the legacy of equestrian culture in the city of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Ramey", with a large, stylized loop at the end.

David W. Ramey, DVM President. Los Angeles Equine Advisory Committee

Creation of the Equine Advisory Committee (EAC) was approved unanimously by City Council on February 6, 2009. Council File 07-4097. Members of the Committee are appointed by their respective Council-members and Mayor. There will be limited Public Comment on Agenda Items following Item Discussion. Agenda items may be taken out of order.

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Name: BRADO

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Comments for Public Posting: Hey LA City Council...DO NOT BAN the Bullriders! This is a sport that features two great types of athletes...the riders & THE BULLS!!! Much better than watching an over-paid prima donna basketball baller down at Staples w/a perpetual frown on his face that would cost 20x the price for a seat down low & not give 1/10th the amount of endorphin releasing joy of watching a young cowboy try to hold on to a brahma bull w/all his might. As some of you may know, the origins of the state of Cali in the Ol' West was all about cattle ranching & the associated rodeo sports (like bullriding) are a real part of that! And it still is to this day...just take a drive up the I-5 sometime. Not to mention all the tax dollars collected from selling out two nights at Staples/Crypto.com Ctr & the associated money that pours into the coffers that pay all the LA City Councils six figure salaries. Every time someone pays \$20 for a beer or hot dog, it funnels \$ into your pockets w/all the crazy taxes collected...and you know that. Plus it's one of the few events in modern California that is somewhat affordable to take kids to...now that you've already ruined the circus for them.

Communication from Public

Name: Patricia D Green

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 03:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: To: Council President Paul Krekorian City of Los Angeles 200 N. Spring Street Los Angeles, CA 90012 Re: Rodeo Ordinance, Council File 20-1575 Dear Council President Krekorian, I'm a resident of the past 55 years, a business owner and community member in Hacienda Heights 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. Whether it's a full out rodeo ban, or the prohibition of certain tools only in the context of rodeo, this proposal favors wealthier equestrian activities that use many of the same tools by allowing them to continue unaffected, while directly impacting activities predominantly practiced by communities of color. 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. Please vote no on this ordinance to avoid unfair enforcement and ending various cultural events and activities. This ordinance is too broad and will result in confusion and unfair enforcement impacting many important cultural events and activities happening in our communities. Whether it's a full out rodeo ban, or the prohibition of certain tools only in the context of rodeo, this proposal favors wealthier equestrian activities that use many of the same tools by allowing them to continue unaffected, while directly impacting activities predominantly practiced by communities of color. For example, a polo player wouldn't be included in the Rodeo ordinance and therefore allowed to use spurs. This is unfair and does not support humane animal practices or a level playing field. THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL CONSIDERATION as many of us are counting on you to vote NO on this ordinance. Sincerely, Patricia D Green

Communication from Public

Name: Lorraine

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 03:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support a rodeo ban being enacted in Los Angeles. I believe rodeos are cruel to animals and Angelinos should not allow this abuse to happen in our city. I am a longtime Los Angeles resident and constituent of Councilmember Traci Park.

Communication from Public

Name: Kelly

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 03:14 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please DO NOT ban Rodeo. It is not animal cruelty in any shape form or fashion! Stop falling for the propaganda BS radical animal rights groups are pushing. The animals are have the utmost care and respect, but the animal rights groups are twisting the truth to accomplish their ridiculous agenda. Again, I appose the ban on Rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 03:16 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Why are you trying to destroy a piece of America history and past time. No Rodeo Ban!! What us next, going to target the 4H events? No Rodeo Ban

Communication from Public

Name: Steven Waters

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 03:22 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: California Politicians can't seem to leave anything alone. No freedom left untrampled. No rights gone unviolated. No stone left unslithered. The entire country loathes the political agendas of Californian politicians. No wonder California has the highest exodus rate in the country. Gavin Newsome is the devil spawn and so are any politicians that mirror his agenda. Leave Rodeo alone. And be forewarned, you're picking a fight with the wrong people. These people are self sufficient and very community organized. Their way of living is the basis of what built this country. It sure as hell wasn't built from white collared criminal politicians that create nothing and seem hell bent on sticking their meddling noses into every single good thing left. You don't do the work of the people. You don't listen to the will of the people. Unless money gets paid to you scumbags through lobbyists and special interest groups, that's the only time your hands and reptile slit ears open up. You people are absolute damned fools to take on the farming and ranching community. These people are the salt of the earth that will stop at no length to raise their children right, support their families, their communities, their towns and their way of life. I promise you, if this issue is not heeded to the will of the people you are attempting to affect, you will have opened the floodgates to a problem only the military might be able to assist you with. And good luck with that because a large majority of our military are family members of the farm and ranch communities. The Constitution is in place to limit government, not the people. And you are already treading on melted ice doing all the unconstitutional things you've done. This measure you are attempting to take, and I do mean take, will be the lighting of a fuse to a powder keg of response you cannot anticipate or prepare well enough for. Remember the Bundy Ranch standoff and who was on the bridges that made the BATF traitors retreat? The same people you are picking a fight with on this issue. You people better think long and hard and listen real carefully about how you choose to proceed with this. Because I sure wouldn't want to be a member of that council and make the wrong life altering decision to not listen to this community of people. You people in government are public servants. The public aren't your servants. The world is rapidly waking up to the tyranny California politicians stand for and so should you. There's way more of us

than you. And if words don't speak your language, the language of action and account is the last resort. Choose wisely California.

Communication from Public

Name: Summer Duman

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 04:39 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is a positive way to build confidence in kids and support continued support of pur western heritage and way of life. Please do not ban rodeo in your city. Rodeo athletes that includes the equines and bovines competing are a truly valued and loved part of the performances and are treated better than most of the human competitors treat themselves.

Communication from Public

Name: Giselle

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 04:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The rodeo is inhumane!!! Please ban them. Animals deserve to live their lives freely. Not under abuse, fear and cruelty.

Communication from Public

Name: Aylam Orian

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 03:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As an LA resident I am urging you to vote YES on the Rodeo ordinance, to BAN this archaic, barbaric, inhumane practice from the city of LA! In the year 2023, there is no need to use animals for our entertainment, especially scared animals that are ridden against their will, tied up, strangled by the neck, prodded with electric prods and other torture devices - all for the "amusement" of people. This is not amusement nor entertainment, it's sheer animal abuse, and there is no place for it in a modern, progressive city like Los Angeles! Thank you!

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Broendel

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 04:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote in favor of the L.A. Rodeo Ban (council file #20-1575). Animals abused by the rodeo industry are chased, wrangled, roped and TORMENTED FOR ENTERTAINMENT. Animals like horses, bulls, steers, and calves can suffer painful injuries , including broken ribs, broken backs, broken legs, and broken tails, as well as punctured lungs, internal organ damage, snapped necks and agonizing deaths. This ABUSE is HORRENDOUS and UNACCEPTABLE and there is NO EXCUSE for rodeos--- Ban them now!

Communication from Public

Name: Crystal Heath, DVM

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 04:09 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: When I was young, I used to love attending events like the Rowell Ranch and Grand National Rodeo. I would dream of becoming a bull rider or bronc rider, and I even tried out for Grand National Rodeo Queen at the Cow Palace in San Francisco. Now, I no longer attend rodeos. How did this happen? When I was young, my own bronc riding was relegated to those unsanctioned events that occurred spontaneously in my home arena, no bucking strap required. The eight seconds could come any moment, usually when it was least expected – in response to a sudden appearance by a wayward plastic bag, or the loud bang of a backfiring engine. It doesn't take much to set off a prey animal who evolved a finely tuned flight response in order to escape predation and ensure their survival. Good horse people respect this, and they taught me the key to horsemanship is treating them with respect, dignity and understanding. Learning is most likely to occur when your horse is happy and enjoying the interaction. I came to realize rodeo was not in alignment with good horsemanship or stockmanship. It's escapism and cosplay developed as a giant marketing campaign that sells the cowboy identity in order to fuel consumption of everything from tobacco to barbecue sauce, beer, tires and burgers. Now, as a veterinarian, my colleagues and I are trying to expose how rodeo is not in the best interest of animals or our own species. We know violence against animals leads to violence against humans. Rodeo doesn't teach our children about animals, it teaches them that trophies are more important than compassion, kindness and respecting another's dignity. Times are changing, and it's time for rodeo as we know it to come to an end.

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Stallworth

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 04:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding. The proposed ban doesn't understand our sport at all. We are true caretakers of animals, who are born to buck, get great care, and live a long life. Our sport isn't "harmful" or "inhumane" as supporters of the ban would like you to believe. The ban also takes away a critical part of the culture and tradition of Western sports, which includes people of all backgrounds. Once again, I urge you to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding.

Communication from Public

Name: Andy Howell

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 04:20 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: DO NOT BAN RODEOS. Rodeo is a tradition and a way of life. Our country was built on Americans that own, care for and manage livestock. Rodeo animals are bred for the competition and treated better than most humans live themselves. These animals are competitors and enjoy the competition. Animals that perform have to have the highest and best nutrition and care for them to be more successful and valuable. If these animals were not fed and treated with the utmost respect, they would have less value. These competitions are good for the heritage, and good for the economy in the places they are held. Many people have good jobs and good pay to put back into the economy because of their positions held in rodeo. Do not ban rodeos.

Communication from Public

Name: Dru Whitefeather

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:53 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a kid I grew up in Jr. Rodeo. It taught me responsibility, compassion, respect love of God, love of country, love of family, and how to to take care of my animals. Today, I participate in Team Roping. My horses are taken care of better then I take care of myself. If there teeth need to be looked at or they need a veterinarian, there called right away. Passing a law to Ban a way of life, is discrimination and taking my rights away. More kids and adults are getting hurt playing football then any livestock animals in Rodeo. Look at the numbers. Rodeo is a American past time as much as Baseball and apple pie. It was started in California As Leather artist I make my living making product for the Equestrian and western industry. Banning Rodeo events in LA would hurt me from making a living. Walk in Balance.

Communication from Public

Name: Jose Romo

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:55 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The rodeo, equestrian and cattle community are part of the cultural value of California and are important to preseve to continue the heritage of the American traditions, to support all the families that make a living working on all the equestrian and cattle related industries: trainers, vets, farriers, ranchers, farmers, fees stores, haulers, horse tarilers and auto industries, along with the entertainers of the rodeo industry to mention just a few. This is not a matter of horses and cows it's a matter of people having jobs and opportunities to make a living for them and their families while holding and preserving the values and principals of the good American society and teaching the next generation along the way. If our leaders can not see the importance and the values of the equestrian and cattle industry then we have the wrong people in charge. Jose Romo

Communication from Public

Name: Autumn Whetsell

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Esteemed members of the City Council and fellow citizens, Today, I address you with a plea to preserve a vital piece of our cultural identity—the rodeo, an integral part of our Mexican heritage. As we stand at the crossroads of tradition and modernity, it is crucial to recognize the profound significance that rodeos hold in shaping our community and fostering a connection to our roots. Rodeos, deeply ingrained in Mexican culture, serve as a living tribute to the bravery and resilience of our people. The charros and charreadas showcase not only exceptional horsemanship but also the inheritance of age-old traditions that bind us to our past. Banning rodeos would be akin to severing a cultural lifeline that connects generations and reinforces the values that make our community strong. In the heart of our city, rodeos are not just events; they are vibrant celebrations of our shared heritage. Families gather, communities unite, and the arena becomes a canvas upon which the stories of our ancestors come to life. To ban rodeos is to deny our citizens the opportunity to connect with their roots, to witness the living history that unfolds in the dust of the arena. Furthermore, rodeos are not only about sport; they are about fostering a sense of community. These events bring people together, transcending socio-economic divides and fostering bonds that extend beyond the arena. The rhythm of hooves and the cheers of the crowd echo the pulse of our shared identity, a rhythm that is uniquely Mexican. While concerns about animal welfare are valid, it is crucial to find a balanced approach that ensures the ethical treatment of animals while preserving the cultural fabric that defines us. Implementing regulations and guidelines that prioritize both the well-being of animals and the continuation of our cultural practices is a more viable solution than an outright ban. In conclusion, let us not hastily sever the ties that bind us to our heritage. Instead, let us work together to find a middle ground, respecting our traditions while addressing valid concerns. The rodeo is not just a sport; it is a living, breathing testament to the resilience and spirit of our people. Let it continue to be a source of pride for generations to come. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles ranchers & mountaineers were known for Rodeos, and the need for keeping these traditions alive in our mountains and foothills of los angeles are beyond necessary. I personally love Rodeo lifestyle because of the Community Connection. Also deep respect for our lands, the western culture and I learn so much. I feel like I am truly a part of the West Coast traditional lifestyle in the presence of ranchers and at the Rodeo. Keep the rodeo and the Western spirit alive. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:27 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge this government body to not ban the sport of Rodeo. This western way of life is more than just animals bucking. These animals are well cared for, vetted, and are a part of people's families. These animals are not being tortured like the lies being pushed. Lie#1: The flank strap puts pressure on the animal genitals. FALSE. Lie #2 The flank strap causes pain and that is why they buck. FALSE. These animals are bred to buck, it's in their bloodline. These animal athletes have top notch care just like any athlete. They are bred to perform. The sport of Rodeo brings communities together and builds strong families. This sport teaches value, responsibility, self worth, confidence and so much more to our young men and women. The thought of banning such a great American sport is heartbreaking. Please reconsider such a devastating decision. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: David Lopez

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:34 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding. The proposed ban doesn't understand our sport at all. We are true caretakers of animals, who are born to buck, get great care, and live a long life. Our sport isn't "harmful" or "inhumane" as supporters of the ban would like you to believe. The ban also takes away a critical part of the culture and tradition of Western sports, which includes people of all backgrounds. Once again, I urge you to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding

Communication from Public

Name: Janet Lemmons

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the ban on rodeo. The truth is rodeo livestock is well taken care of and in the best physical shape. Listen to the professionals in the livestock industry for the real TRUTH. Vote NO, don't let prejudice. cloud your judgement. Janet Lemmons

Communication from Public

Name: Hugo Schwyzer

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:38 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am an Angeleno, residing in Councilmember Yaroslavsky's district. I am writing to urge the council not to ban rodeo, a cherished part of the western heritage that means so much to so many Southern Californians. Please listen to responsible veterinarians, those who work with stock -- and please listen to the generations of rodeo fans who are found in every ethnic community. Please preserve our sport.

Communication from Public

Name: Nina Odam

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 06:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding. The proposed ban doesn't understand the sport at all. The caretakers of animals, who are born to buck, get great care, and live a long life. This sport isn't "harmful" or "inhumane" as supporters of the ban would like you to believe. The ban also takes away a critical part of the culture and tradition of Western sports, which includes people of all backgrounds. Once again, I urge you to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding.

Communication from Public

Name: Ms Vercia

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo Is A healthy and family entertainment ot is positive for children to learn just as ICE SKATING, BASKETBALL, FOOTBALL, and Definitely much SAFER THAN HOCKEY but yet you Still ALLOW ALL OF THESE EVENTS TO OCCUR ON A YEARLY BASIS. I STAND IN SUPPORT OF CONTINUALLY TO HAVE RODEO EVENTS ESPECIALLY BILL PICKET RODEO THIS IS A YEARLY EVENT I DEFINITELY LOOK FORWARD TO ATTENDING EACH YEAR HERE IN THE CITY OF INDUSTRY CA. PLEASE DO NOT BAND THE RODEO IN CALIFORNIA. SINCERELY THE GREAST FAN OF BILL PICKET RODEO
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Communication from Public

Name: Mark Bassard

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:03 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a proud African American, I am dismayed to read that the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo is being to be ban in LA. Councilperson Blumenfield you are highly wrong on this wonderful, historical event on black rodeo and the history of African American contribution in the American West. Back in 1998, I took my very young daughter who was 3 years old to see it in Oakland where we lived at the time. The BPIR did a parade and the members made themselves available to speak and provide their horses for the public. My young child was excited and wanted to sit on a horse. A member made this happen and blew her little world! Add 20 some years from that experience and she now ride horses and see and goes to PBR events when she could while working on her doctorate at UNC - Chapel Hill. Her brother rides too and my son-in-law is working taking the direction not being far behind. I last saw the Invitation at Richmond, VA many years ago. Please Mr. Councilperson, go to it and see. Then look at the crowd. Watch and see the joy it brings to ALL Americans and those who come to the US and LA to see plus bring their dollars to spend in your city!! Don't let misinformation, down right evil, left wing and progressive gossips, bad rumours, and outright lies RUIN this truly AMERICAN event. Ringling Brothers and Barum and Bailey went away from that very same crap after 100 years of train circus touring this country. Keep the BPIR and the PBR coming to LA damn forever. By the way, I love black western history too! Thank you for reading this and sincerely please don't let this go into the dust.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 07:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban rodeo in LA. I've rodeoed most of my life and I guarantee that animals involved in rodeos are treated very well. Just go to one rodeo and go visit a contractor, help them feed the animals and you will find out that we truly care for our animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Lisa Hampton

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 05:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I want to share that I believe passing this bill would be a travesty to future generations. I wish I was eloquent enough to express my thoughts but removing animal/equestrian sports is a travesty. As a young person growing up I would have been lost without my horses. They gave me direction, taught me responsibility, helped me learn to trust and love when my heart had been shattered. And literally gave me a reason to live when I was going through emotional and mental challenges as a teen. They kept me off of drugs and alcohol and out of trouble. I was never very athletic so being able to show my horses as a young person taught me teamwork, gave me confidence and built a sense of accomplishment and pride as improved year upon year, learned to train my horses and work with them to achieve our goals. These horses were very well cared for, even pampered, as most horses in a competitive environment are. The people I met while competing and throughout my life that own and compete with animals of any kind are the most caring, hardworking and dedicated people you will know. They form a family, welcoming in like-minded strangers and encouraging both young and old, experienced and newcomers to participate - there are no "bench warmers" in equestrian sports no matter how new you are. Passing this bill will help create a precedence for no animal ownership and rob so many people young and old of the immense joys that animals bring us by both owning and competing in rodeos and horse shows.

Communication from Public

Name: Marcela gomez
Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 05:25 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos have my support 100%. DO NOT BAN RODEOS as this is a direct attack to our community, our ancestors/roots, and our traditions.

Communication from Public

Name: Jodie Wiederkehr
Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 01:13 PM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council: The promoters and those who profit off rodeos want you to believe that their rules are designed to protect the welfare and safety of the animals. Nothing could be further from the truth. Bulls, calves, and horses are domestic animals, so they don't come 'bucking' and running madly out of chutes for no reason. These docile animals are physically provoked into "wild" behavior. Video footage shows that animals are shocked with electric prods, the tails of baby calves are tugged and twisted in the chute prior to release, so they'll flee furiously from the pain, and flank straps are tightly cinched around the abdomens of horses and bulls to make them buck, which can cause them to break their backs or necks.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xQ9FV8L126k> Not only are animals routinely injured during rodeos with absolutely no veterinary care, but many die from their broken limbs or are simply shot to death, often after a long period of agony. And I can only imagine the absolute fear of being lassoed around the neck while running at full speed only to be body slammed to the ground and have all four legs tied together.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XhdlRpd4F90> Without electric stunners, tail twisting and raking, ear pulling, kicking, etc. inside a small space where they cannot escape, there simply would be no animals bucking out of chutes, and therefore, no rodeo. It's high time we end the abuse, suffering, and yes, killing of so-called rodeo animals.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hoSokkaj-o0> Please support and pass this humane measure as soon as possible, and make LA the progressive city we know it to be. Thank you very much for your time and consideration. Jodie Wiederkehr, Founder and Executive Director Partnership to Ban Horse Carriages Worldwide Chicago Alliance for Animals (CAA)

Communication from Public

Name: Janice Spears

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 12:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a member of a Saddle Club that puts on a large PRCA Rodeo in Missouri, the Cattlemen's Day Rodeo, I oppose the ban for Rodeo's in Los Angeles. Besides the historical and cultural ties to Los Angeles, there is substantial tourism dollars that will be generated at Rodeo's! I support RODEO'S!

Communication from Public

Name: Lee Ann Ketscher

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 01:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles City Council I respectfully ask that you do not ban rodeo or equestrian activities in your area. These types of activities are a display of the cultures that founded your great area. Please do not deny future generations the opportunity of knowing the history of the area. The people that participate in these activities care for and respect their equine/bovine partners.

Communication from Public

Name: Samuel Tell

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 01:46 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo should not be banned. There should be thoughtful health and safety regulations to prevent exploitation, and perhaps certain events could be limited. But a ban on cowboy sports would severely impact our city's cultural milieu. Maybe just ban the big money events with the genetically engineered steers.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Wells

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 02:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Do not ban the BPIR in Los Angeles. Our family looks forward to this event and supports it every year.

Communication from Public

Name: Rodger Thomas

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 03:08 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding. The proposed ban doesn't understand our sport at all. We are true caretakers of animals, who are born to buck, get great care, and live a long life. Our sport isn't "harmful" or "inhumane" as supporters of the ban would like you to believe. The ban also takes away a critical part of the culture and tradition of Western sports, which includes people of all backgrounds. Once again, I urge you to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding.

Communication from Public

Name: Erick Bello

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 03:12 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the L.A rodeo ordinance! Please ban rodeos and reject animal abuse! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Carolyn Seeman

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 02:23 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote yes to ban rodeos in Los Angeles! The city needs to continue its leadership on animal protection. Thank you. I am a Los Angeles resident

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 10:51 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote in favor of the L.A. Rodeo Ban (council file #20-1575). Animals abused by the rodeo industry are chased, wrangled, roped and tormented for entertainment. Animals like horses, bulls, steers, and calves can suffer painful injuries, including broken ribs, backs, legs, and tails, punctured lungs, internal organ damage, snapped necks and agonizing deaths. This abuse is horrendous and unacceptable and there is no excuse for it. Thanks.

Communication from Public

Name: Kalpana
Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 11:56 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the Los Angeles Rodeo Ordinance on the L.A. City Rodeo Ordinance file #20-1575!!

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn Gallagher

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 11:56 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the rodeo ordinance #20-1575. It is time to stop using implements like spurs, electric shock and flank straps to abuse animals in order to provide profit and entertainment for people. Rodeo is a cruel tradition and needs to end. Sincerely, Lynn Gallagher

Communication from Public

Name: Javier ramirez molina

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 12:10 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the rodeo ordinance. I live in Los Angeles and I don't want this animal abuse happening in my city in rodeos animals are hurt and often times killed. This violent behavior has no place in our progressive city violence only promotes more violence outside of these torture events. This isn't a sport because in sports require all participants to be consenting these bulls are forced into this so it's only teaching the future generations to treat others however they like, let's not forget the golden rule teach others how you would like to be treated and these animals are others not something.

Communication from Public

Name: T. Tucker

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 11:16 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles banning Rodeos due in part to an extremist's perception of the norm is a very poor decision on the cities part. There is and never will be a productive conversation or portrayal of a business from the perspective of an extremist no matter the subject. Rodeo Producers have made great efforts in maintaining the ethical treatment of their animals. No rodeo contractor wants to see their animals, or any animal suffer for that matter. Political figures should not be listening to a group of people who bend or exaggerate the truth in an effort to fulfill their agendas. If this is an issue and it is not, it should be handled by the government agency that manages animal welfare, the California Department of Food and Agriculture, California Animal Response or CARES. The City of Los Angeles is overstepping its political reach and attempting to provide oversight for something they have no business getting involved in. If the City of Los Angeles uses the argument that "the small number of catastrophic injuries are unacceptable" then this argument could be used to ban any and all animal and human activities as simple as driving a vehicle could be considered in this argument. I urge you to defer this issue to the organizations who are trained and presented all sides of the issue in regard to animal care and welfare of Rodeo Stock.

Communication from Public

Name: Nicholas Grace

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 11:29 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo's roots in western and American culture reaches the bones of "why we are here" in the first place. Many cultures and ethnicities are tied to the American rodeo. To outlaw rodeo is to deny a real part of American's identity. An identity built on community, tenacity, self-reliance, leadership. Rodeo is not an excuse to harm animals. Rodeo animals are among the most cared for domestic animals on the planet. On the contrary, the banning of rodeos is an excuse to blind folks of their history and to deprive them of future opportunities. The banning of rodeos isn't an idea brought forth by anyone that knows what they are, how they function, or by people that actually are connected to these animals on a daily basis. The idea to ban rodeos is brought upon by those separate from it, uncomfortable by what they do not understand nor care to understand.

Communication from Public

Name: Manik Gonzalez

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 11:33 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the ban of the rodeo coming to Los Angeles. This is a cruel and barbaric abuse of animals. It has no place in Los Angeles and does not represent Angelinos, or our state as a whole. Please vote in favor of banning the rodeo!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 11:45 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please strongly consider voting to ban these cruel implements used in Rodeos. Our fair city has a strong record for setting the standard in social justice and animal protection legislation. The passage of this motion would be a praise worthy step toward a better tomorrow for our children and our fellow animals. Thank you for your time.

Communication from Public

Name: Fabiola Moreno
Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 12:32 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: 20-1575

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Herzog
Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 10:05 AM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: In Defense of Rodeo - Preserving Our Western Heritage and Ensuring Animal Welfare To Whom It May Concern, I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed ban on rodeo in the city of Los Angeles. Rodeo is not just a sport or entertainment; it is a deep-rooted part of our Western heritage and a way of life that deserves recognition and preservation. Cultural Significance: Rodeo is a celebration of the skills and traditions that were essential to the early American West. It is a living history, showcasing talents that have been passed down through generations. Banning rodeo would not only disregard this important cultural heritage but also impact the livelihoods of those who have dedicated their lives to this tradition. Animal Welfare: A common misconception is that rodeo animals are not well-cared for. In reality, these animals receive a level of care that is often superior to that of household pets. For instance: Frequent Veterinary Checks: Rodeo animals undergo regular veterinary inspections, far more frequently than the average household pet. These checks ensure their physical health and well-being at all times. Nutrition and Living Conditions: The quality of feed and living conditions for rodeo animals is of the highest standard. Their diet and environment are meticulously managed to maintain their peak physical condition and comfort. Regulations and Oversight: Rodeo organizations have stringent rules and regulations in place to protect the animals involved. These include guidelines on animal handling, transportation, and treatment. The welfare of these animals is not just a priority; it is a mandate that is strictly enforced. Economic Impact: Rodeos also contribute significantly to the local economy. They attract visitors from various regions, boosting local businesses and creating job opportunities. The economic ripple effect of these events is substantial and benefits the city as a whole. Educational Value: Rodeos offer an educational experience, providing insight into an important aspect of American history and culture. They foster a sense of community and teach values such as hard work, dedication, and respect for animals. In conclusion, while I understand and respect the concerns regarding animal welfare, I believe that a ban on rodeo is not the solution. Instead, we should focus on continuing to enforce and enhance the regulations that protect rodeo animals, ensuring their well-being while preserving

an important part of our cultural heritage. Thank you for considering my viewpoint on this matter. I hope that the city will recognize the cultural, economic, and educational value of rodeos and work towards a solution that respects both our heritage and the welfare of the animals involved. Sincerely, Michael Herzog

Communication from Public

Name: Reginald T. Dorsey
Date Submitted: 11/30/2023 06:28 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are truly one of the most positives things in American Culture and History. It's an essential part of building Character in Men, Woman and Children. NOBODY loves their Horses and Livestock more than Cowboys & Cowgirls!
#KeepRodeoAliveInLA

Communication from Public

Name: R.Gary Perez

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:06 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please don't forget the black cowboy of the past. Don't ban the rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:11 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The Bill Picket rodeo is an excellent display of the history of Black American. As well as the invitation for young Black Americans to explore the sport. I have witnessed the care of these animals and there is no evidence of any time of abuse. Quite the opposite. Each rider appears proud of there horses

Communication from Public

Name: Kate Leto

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:12 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please, please, please, do the right thing and pass this ban. Cruelty to animals should never be tolerated, never mind encouraged. Send the right message to children who would otherwise be subjected to this type of event and think the level of cruelty and violence is OK. This is detrimental to children, animals and society as a whole. I can't even believe there is any kind of debate. In these days of powerful lobbyists running politics, it would be hopeful to so many people to have the general wellbeing of a society (including the animal members) supported by politicians, as opposed to money-driven corporations and organizations being catered to. With fingers crossed, Kate

Communication from Public

Name: Donna E Clark

Date Submitted: 12/01/2023 04:57 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge you to vote in favor of the L.A. Rodeo Ban (council file #20-1575). Animals abused by the rodeo industry are chased, wrangled, roped and tormented for entertainment. Animals like horses, bulls, steers, and calves can suffer painful injuries, including broken ribs, backs, legs, and tails, punctured lungs, internal organ damage, snapped necks and agonizing deaths. This abuse is horrendous and unacceptable and there is no excuse for it. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Shawn

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:27 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The western lifestyle has been diminishing too rapidly over several decades. One of the biggest events to keep the cowboy way in the public eye is Rodeo. Any attacks toward the sport of Rodeo is a attack on the foundation of the western lifestyle. There's many public issues that need the attention of city council members. Trying to eliminate the sport of Rodeo surely shouldn't be one of them. Vote to keep Rodeo alive and well.

Communication from Public

Name: Dr. Malgosia Cegielski

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:32 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for the opportunity to provide input regarding the impact of rodeos on spectators, children in particular. As an experienced psychologist and child specialist I ask you to consider the following information. I rode and showed horses throughout high school which later evolved into the study of dressage and have always considered myself a “horse person.” I will never forget the first rodeo I attended at AK-SAR-BEN, the big race track and rodeo and show horse arena in Omaha, NE. I was excited, kind of like we used to be when anticipating seeing a circus. Very quickly, after the events started, my enthusiasm and curiosity turned into alarm. I did not know that the events including bronc and steer riding and roping involved such blatant mistreatment of animals. For many weeks after the event I was in a trance of sorts, unable to get the images of horses and steers/bulls used in the roping events out of my mind. It was obvious that the animals were stressed and that the participants were exploiting them for the show. It turns out that this spectacle called a rodeo, is inherently cruel and that it exposes the audience to sanctioned violence towards animals. Children are the most susceptible because they are not prepared for what they witness and often have lasting traumatic sequela. This includes intrusive images, nightmares and anxiety, and lasting confusion. Clients have told me that after seeing a rodeo as a child they were confused about what’s OK and why cruel events such as steer roping, seen again and again in one rodeo, are considered entertainment with no acknowledgment from announcers nor the adults who brought them, that the animals are being hurt for sport. A different outcome from witnessing rodeo events, where riders use spurs, ropes, and cattle prods on animals that are squeezed into small chutes and then provoked to buck or run only to be stopped violently in their tracks, is that it may trigger or exacerbate a tendency to abuse animals. Many criminals, including child abusers, batterers, and other criminals are known to have a history of animal abuse. It certainly gives permission and even greater imagination for ways to abuse animals if people who treat animals with brutality are applauded and win prizes. Thankfully, the era of the wild animal circus is waning, outlawed in LA in 2020. Progressive countries in the EU have done so and many cities are beginning to follow suit. There is no such thing as

a humane rodeo. People in the audience, children being the most vulnerable, can experience lasting outright trauma and other difficult emotions after witnessing so many people “enjoying” events where animals are exploited in a way that suggests animal abuse is acceptable. I urge the City Council of LA to take this opportunity to ban rodeos outright. Sincerely, Malgosia Cegielski, Ph.D. RPT Licensed Psychologist Registered Play Therapist

Communication from Public

Name: Brittany

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 10:18 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the rodeo ordinance because animals used in rodeos have suffered fatal injuries, including broken backs and necks, heart attacks, and aneurysms. The animals who survive are beaten and forced to perform over and over again. This is not the life these animals are meant to have; they are meant to live happy, safe, and free.

Communication from Public

Name: Alan Douglass

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 10:24 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am totally opposed to you and your group going after rodeo's in your town. They are a big part of California's history as a state and you obviously do not care about about the agriculture community and should be removed from public office. Your city is a mess and this is what you focus your energy on? Leave our rodeo's alone.....

Communication from Public

Name: Eeri

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 11:54 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please ban all rodeos with support from the rodeo ordinance.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:49 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am a concerned citizen. Rodeos are inherently cruel to animals. The rodeo industry commonly under reports the number of animal injuries. I urge you to vote YES on the L.A. Rodeo Ban.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/03/2023 10:01 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do NOT pass the ordinance to ban rodeo in LA County. In 30 years in the rodeo business and western sports, I have so much pride in the way of life it represents. Whether it be cattle brandings or rodeo competitions, the respect and admiration for the animals involved is at the forefront. There are “bad eggs” in every circle of any discipline.. but the over arching majority of competitors and ranchers have a love and passion for the animals. I know their welfare and well-being comes first and without them we would no longer have the passion for our way of life. Long live cowboys and thank you for taking the time to hear this.

Communication from Public

Name: CHRISTINA GUIDRY

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: DEAR, CITY COUNCIL! THE RODEOS HELD EACH YEAR. ALL ACROSS THE NATION IS FUN FILLED FAMILY FUN. ESPECIALLY RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN BACK YARD.: "THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES"! The Rodeo is family fun time adventure, those that wish to ride horses gives them a chance to dream for a weekend. Until there wish comes true. I've been at each Bill Pickett Invitational Rideo for ten years now.... With my family, Grandchildren, and friends most enjoyable each year. Full of laughter, delicious food, safety around the park never any disturbance. Children, love coming to watch and pet the horses. Also, seeing kids their age (riding a horse) dreaming big. Gliving them a purpose in life. Saying, " I, can achieve"; anything when it's something you desire most. City, Council please keep the RODEOS coming each year it's entertainment for the soul. All the animals are treated with love and care. Animals are Therapy for the Heart & Soul, we just don't see horses in our own back yards everyday like you do cats and dogs. Horses, are magical beautiful strong loving animals that are treated with love and care by their owners. Whom, are taking time once or twice a year bringing their animals to: " The Invitational Bill Pickett Rodeo " IN THE CITY of Commerce. Giving the best Rodeo shows son we can come back each year. Try, going to a Rodeo see how much fun and excitement each year. Thank you for listening. Sincerely, Christina Guidry Please, let THE RODEO continue to shine there light of Love. ?? ?? ??

Communication from Public

Name: Lily

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:20 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This rodeo ban is incredibly disheartening. Rodeo is a long standing western American tradition, as well as a California tradition. Not only does this ban infringe on our basic freedoms, it threatens as entire culture and way of life. If this city of LA did proper research, the would find that, the animals in this sport are incredibly well taken care of, and loved. Californias history is so intertwined with the wester rodeo way of life, and so many of us hope to see it stay that way.

Communication from Public

Name: M. Cauthen

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:26 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I am contacting you to register my no vote on the effort to ban rodeo in the City of Los Angeles. Please vote no ! I am a fifth generation Californian, and my family has been involved in rodeo for generations. Through this experience with rodeo, I have learned many things, most importantly that the care and welfare of the livestock comes before all else. I believe this effort to ban rodeo comes as a result of the lack of understanding from folks who aren't familiar with the strong livestock safety measures & rules for animal welfare that are followed in this industry. I would hope you would give the rodeo, ranching , and equestrian communities, a chance to work with you so you can make a balanced, informed decision. Please take a moment to listen to the professionals and avoid negatively impacting our businesses and residents. Pleas vote no on a ban of rodeo in Los Angeles! Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Garcia

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:31 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban Rodeos and Bull Riding. Our Western Heritage and cultural events are important to many of us. As the migration of people in our country moved westward, these cultures led the way. The animals are and have been an important part of this culture and are cared for. If you want to legislate the saving of animals, start with the hundreds to thousands of cats and dogs that die within the city due to improper care and neglect. These dog/cats die of abuse, hunger, neglect, and more are hit by automobiles daily within the city than injuries within the rodeo! What culture is next? If a few of us don't like something another culture does, will you support us in eliminating it? Please lead the city for everyone and not a vocal minority!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Preserving cultural heritage is crucial. Rodeos hold deep significance in our Mexican culture, intertwining with our connection to animals. They're not just events; they're threads of our identity. The bond between us and the horses transcends mere performance; it's a dance of heritage, grace, and shared history. Banning these events threatens to erase an integral part of our identity and the meaningful connection we hold dear.

Communication from Public

Name: Javier D

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding. The proposed ban doesn't understand our sport at all. We are true caretakers of animals, who are born to buck, get great care, and live a long life. Our sport isn't "harmful" or "inhumane" as supporters of the ban would like you to believe. The ban also takes away a critical part of the culture and tradition of Western sports, which includes people of all backgrounds. Once again, I urge you to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding

Communication from Public

Name: Lorena Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 08:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This beautiful conty was build by horses and humans and is a culture and family tradition be together DO NOT STOP RODEO is a discrimination for a horse people please kip my coment in the records

Communication from Public

Name: Salvador Orona

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 08:16 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I AM horse trainer .whit more that 50 years working whit horses. IAm proud to be Charro .I support all the activities whit horses and cattle. Our priority is take care our animals.its our tradition and our right. If you city councils vote against our traditions make that illegal. You are discriminate at all the people that work and conserve our traditions and show a complete ignorance about this issue Please I want you keep this to the records

Communication from Public

Name: Raymond Rodriguez

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 08:44 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

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Communication from Public

Name: Claudia Avila

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 08:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Hello, I'm a resident of Jurupa Valley a horse community and I strongly opposed to the Rodeo Ordinance. This ordinance will affect our equestrian communities. Many young kids and teens have been around horses since birth. Most kids and teens practice horse related sports. Horses are part of their every day lives. My own daughter is part of this beautiful generation of riders. Horses show kids at a young age the love for animals, discipline, how to have courage at a young age and fight there own fears. Horses teach children important lessons that will last through their lives. Kids learn to be aware of how their actions affect others, and to be disciplined by handling the daily care horses need. By preserving the different horse related sports we will preserve the values horses teach our kids. These are priceless. Thank you Claudia Avila

Communication from Public

Name: Mia Lewis

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a proud Los Angeles resident, a Black woman, and a UCLA student, the Bill Pickett Rodeo holds an incredibly special place in my heart. This isn't just any rodeo—it's a vibrant celebration of Black culture, heritage, and the legacy of Black cowboys and cowgirls. Having grown up on farms and worked closely with livestock, I deeply value the traditions and respect for animals that events like the Bill Pickett Rodeo instill. It's disheartening to witness these crucial aspects of our culture fading away, especially when they serve as essential connections to our past. The BPR isn't just about entertainment; it's about preserving our history and offering invaluable exposure to Western culture, particularly for Black and Brown children in Los Angeles who might not have many opportunities to engage with these traditions. Voting against this ordinance is standing firm to protect our multicultural legacy.

Communication from Public

Name: Robert Drummond

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 10:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the rodeo ordinance because animals in rodeo are subject to pain and injuries against their will. Much as our cats and dogs deserve care, love and safety, we must provide these same protections to all animals, not exploit them for entertainment like Romans in the Colosseum.

Communication from Public

Name: Sergio Galvez

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 10:01 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: The proposition to ban rodeo is big proof of the discrimination against minorities and the mid class population, is funny they ant to ban rodeo but not polo or dressage, could some one explain this is also big movement against the Hispanic heritage and the country life style, I'm completely against this proposition we have bigger issues to worry about like the economy, gas prices, homeless issues, drugs, crime etc.

Communication from Public

Name: Abby Linne

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 10:02 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles resident, and a constituent of Traci Park, I ask you to save Los Angeles rodeo. I do not support a rodeo ban. Over the past four years I have travelled the country working on a television program that includes a lot of animals, mostly cattle and horses. As part of my time in this environment, I have attended numerous rodeos, and have befriended many wranglers, cowboys, and rodeo athletes. I know firsthand that the people who are working with these rodeo animals have the utmost respect for them. They understand what it takes to usher a newborn horse or calf into the world. They groom, exercise, feed, and care for their livestock from dawn to dusk. They invest countless hours, and extraordinary amounts of hard-earned money into the wellness of these animals. The whole job description is keeping these animals alive and strong and healthy. There are vets on-site at rodeos for the same reason that there are medics on-site for basketball and football games: to care for athletes in the event of an emergency. In events like bull-riding, you can earn up to 100 points: up to 50 points can be awarded to the human, and the other 50 points can only be earned by the bull - These animals are revered athletes, and are treated as such. Rodeo is an honored tradition of the ever-evolving West. Yes, it would be easy for these rodeo events to move to another city, but what a true honor it is for us to host them HERE. Please preserve Los Angeles as the cultural jewel that it is, and save Los Angeles rodeo.

Communication from Public

Name: CHERYL FINLEY

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 10:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose banning the Bill Picket Rodeo from Los Angeles. It has been a beloved tradition in Black community of Los Angeles for 40 years. Why take away something that is good and that not only provides healthy entertainment but at the same time teaches young and old about their history. YES! there were and are Black cowboys. If you are doing this under the guise of animal cruelty, where is the proof? Where are the statistics? This seems to be just another way to rob the Black community of something positive. Cheryl Finley 1263 S Ridgeley Dr., LA 90019

Communication from Public

Name: Stacy Martinez

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 10:29 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I'm writing to express my strong OPPOSITION to the Rodeo Ordinance. The current version of the ordinance is unfair and exempts sports such as polo and dressage while applying an overly broad definition of rodeo that impacts non-commercial cultural traditions such as Charrería. Charrería, which would be impacted under the current rodeo definition, is the national sport of Mexico and a traditional practice of livestock herding communities of Mexico and the western United States. This ordinance would stop us from practicing a tradition that dates back hundreds of years, which has been passed down through generations and keeps our heritage alive. In addition, American-style rodeos, such as PBR, would also be negatively impacted under this ordinance. Resulting in a direct loss of revenue for not only the city and county as these events also contribute to revenue for the county and cities they are held in. Rodeo animals are meticulously cared for by their owners, and organizations have already adopted various rules and regulations to ensure that animals are treated humanely. As an equine owner, I care deeply for my horses and consider them part of my family, just like others would consider their cats and dogs a part of theirs. My animals are well cared for and allow me to bond with others in my community who share the same passion while also providing me with a healthy outdoor activity and a way to help my mental health. The bond between a horse owner and their horse is not only special but one of a kind. I urge you to please vote NO on the Rodeo Ordinance and allow rodeos to continue to be a place of gathering for communities of color and provide us the space to continue to share this love for horses with the generations to come.

Communication from Public

Name: Corey

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 10:43 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding. The proposed ban doesn't understand the sport at all. We are true caretakers of animals. These animals are born to buck in fact these animals get great care some better care than the riders themselves. These animals also live a long life. Our sport isn't "harmful" or "inhumane" the supporters of the ban would love for you to believe that we harm these animals this is far from the truth. This sport has deep history and culture that would be taken away from generations if this ban is passed. The ban of this sport which includes people of all backgrounds would take 100,000's of dollars away from the city also not to mention that it would take many jobs away also. Once again, I urge you to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding.

Communication from Public

Name: Andrew H

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 11:04 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding. The proposed ban doesn't understand our sport at all. We are true caretakers of animals, who are born to buck, get great care, and live a long life. Our sport isn't "harmful" or "inhumane" as supporters of the ban would like you to believe. The ban also takes away a critical part of the culture and tradition of Western sports, which includes people of all backgrounds. Once again, I urge you to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding

Communication from Public

Name: Tracy

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 11:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am against the rodeo ban for Los Angeles. I've lived in LA my whole life and have been involved in the equine industry since I was a kid. A ban should not be passed when it is solely built on misinformation. In a rodeo the animal's welfare is a top priority, and should always be a top priority. This ban will not benefit the animals involved and it will negatively impact the people involved. By banning rodeo you are stamping out a large portion of California's history, you are taking jobs away from the county's citizens, you are alienating a whole industry of people.

Communication from Public

Name: A. Huizar

Date Submitted: 12/04/2023 09:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We ask for you to please revisit this ban. We ask that you approve the rodeo's continue to take place here in the city of Los Angeles. Everyone should continue to support that Rodeos don't stop in our city.