

Communication from Public

Name: Laura

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 12:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I am in full support of the rodeo device ban; ALL torture of helpless, captive, sensitive animals has gone on FAR too long, should never have been allowed.

Communication from Public

Name: PawPAC

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 12:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, The Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," can be our guiding principle for the way our society treats animals. Not one of us would want to have an electric prod put into our backside. Not one of us would allow another to put a rope or rubber band around our knees so we fall over at our first step. It only takes the common sense of a child to know what's right. Yet we teach our children that the abuse known as rodeo is acceptable. We urge you to ban all rodeo activity, including electric prods, flank straps, wire tie-downs, spurs, wild cow milking, mutton busting, and even RIDING. These bulls and wild horses are not meant to be ridden, much less poked and prodded. We can ride OHVs, motorcycles, bungee cords, hang glides, dirt bikes, and any one of dozens of any other form of thrill-type entertainment. Rollercoasters. Animals are not ours to use for our gain or entertainment. Humans are another animal that cohabits this planet. Our perspective must change on the dominance of humans, for it's humans that have brought our planet to the demise it now faces. Get back to being a part of the Big Picture which Nature created for all of us. For anyone who has not seen electric prod use or flank straps, please view these time-stamped videos: Electric prods
<https://youtu.be/QciDf6cde2s?t=30> Flank straps
<https://youtu.be/Ly9xihVGpGg?t=12> Councilmembers Blumenfield and O'Farrell, thank you for bringing this motion. We're confident that the Council will vote unanimously to pass this ordinance. Sincerely, René Rowland, Chair PawPAC
www.pawpac.org

Communication from Public

Name: Ron McGill

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 10:50 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are wrong. This inhumane, barbaric blood sport results in thousands of injuries and deaths. The perverted “sport” of abusing animals is medieval and below us as a civilization. We can and must do better. End rodeos.

Communication from Public

Name: S Smith

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 11:03 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please pass the Los Angeles rodeo ordinance. There is no excuse for animal abuse in Los Angeles.

Communication from Public

Name: Alessio

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 01:26 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Hi, Im a resident of Los Angeles writing in support of Council 20-1575. Bulls used in rodeos are prodded, whipped, and electric shocked. They suffer deabilitating injuries including torn ligaments, broken bones, and paralysis. This is unacceptable, and It is vital that Los Angeles takes a stand to support and protect animals. Thanks, Alessio



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Name: Natalia

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Name: Maria Rios

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 01:39 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos involve the torment, torture, and ridicule of sentient beings, beings who can feel emotions just like us. The horses, bulls, and calves harmed in rodeos are not willing participants, they never consented to be tormented for the amusement of people. There are many things families can participate in in L.A. and watching animals suffer for "fun" should never be one of them. We cannot say that we are for peace and justice if it only applies to our species and to dogs and cats. We cannot say that we teach our children to be good and kind if we take them to places where animals are scared and harmed. We know that the city of L.A. does not stand for animal cruelty and we thank you for taking a stance and working to end this horrific form of entertainment that only desensitizes people, especially children and harms and petrifies animals. Please do what is right and further the ordinance on rodeos in Los Angeles. Please help create change that is driven by empathy, respect, and protection for those sentient beings that have been ignored for much too long. Rodeos have no place in a civilized, innovative, and compassionate society.

Communication from Public

Name: Barry H

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 01:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please support Council File 20-1575, to prohibit the use of harmful practices, techniques, and devices at rodeos or rodeo-related events in the City of Los Angeles. The brutality of prodding bulls, whipping them, and shocking them with electric current, is indefensible. The animals often suffer debilitating injuries including torn ligaments, broken bones, and even paralysis. How is this entertaining, and what are we teaching generations to come--how to lack empathy? Thank you in advance for making a positive change.

Communication from Public

Name: Justine Blocl

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 01:42 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support a city Ordinance to prohibit the use of harmful practices, techniques, and devices at rodeos or rodeo-related events in the City of Los Angeles. It's shocking that bulls forced to participate in rodeos are prodded, whipped, and electric shocked, and routinely suffer debilitating injuries including torn ligaments, broken bones, and even paralysis. Please prohibit this torture of bulls in rodeos as soon as possible.

Communication from Public

Name: Joanne S. McBirney

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 12:40 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I believe that rodeos are cruel. I do not believe that this is part of the American West. Anything that can be done to eliminate or minimize the pain and suffering of animals is something that I support. If you will not ban rodeos completely, I at least support the ordinance that will allow some relief from the torture tools that are used on these innocent and sentient creatures.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 10:44 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are extremely cruel and violent towards the animals who are forced to perform in them. Rodeos use tools such as spurs, electric prods, flank straps to name a few, to provoke normally gentle, docile animals into seemingly wild behaviors.

Communication from Public

Name: Anita Liao

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 10:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop rodeo. It's inhumane and brings zero value. Humans' entertainment shouldn't be built on cruelty.

Communication from Public

Name: Councilmember John M. Erickson, Ph.D.

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 10:45 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: This is a critical ordinance and we must do all we can to protect animals. I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I support Council File 20-1575.

Communication from Public

Name: Joseph Rondou

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 09:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Any rodeo is an outdated practice that showcases dominance of one over another. Shows like rodeos encourage bullying of the worst kind physical strength over someone who is weaker than. This is not the type of entertainment Los Angeles should represent. I love this city and have lived here all my life and firmly believe we are above this machismo outdated practice.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/05/2022 09:28 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: LA City Council Members, Please pass the Los Angeles rodeo ordinance. There is no excuse for animal abuse in Los Angeles.
Regards, Kim E Waybourn

Communication from Public

Name: Melanie Shaw

Date Submitted: 12/06/2022 10:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the Animal Welfare Committee's request to adopt a resolution with the Los Angeles City Council to prohibit the staging of rodeos and rodeo-type activities in the City of Los Angeles. Rodeos mean constant trauma for the animals forced to participate. During the calf roping event, they are lassoed, yanked into the air by their neck, slammed onto the ground, and their legs are tied together. During this performance, calves may cry out (if they can breathe) and defecate from fear and stress. The tremendous force of impact can cause hemorrhaging around the neck and shoulders, and sometimes death by broken necks, spines, or legs. A veterinarian is required to be on site during all rodeo performances. They are fully aware this is a violent sport that can harm an animal. This was witnessed and captured on video back in 2015 at the Industry Hills Rodeo. The calf was lassoed and flipped on its back, having to be taken away in the animal ambulance. Eventually, the calf died due to the injuries. This isn't entertainment, it is violence and cruelty. E.J. Finocchio, DVM, wrote the Rhode Island legislature urging a ban on calf roping: "As a large animal veterinarian for 20 years...I have witnessed firsthand the instant death of calves after their spinal cords were severed from the abrupt stop at the end of a rope when traveling up to 30 mph. I have also witnessed and tended calves who became paralyzed...and whose tracheas were totally or partially severed...Slamming to the ground has caused rupture of several internal organs leading to a slow, agonizing death for some of these calves." Please vote against cruelty of animals in the city of Los Angeles and help set forth the motion to end this violent sport called a rodeo. Sincerely, Melanie J. Shaw Animal Advocate

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 09:19 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Los Angeles, I urge you to support the rodeo device ban, Council File 20-1575. Rodeos are a cruel spectacle that should be banned. At the very least, the harmful practices, techniques and devices at rodeos and rodeo-related events should be fully banned. Bulls used in rodeos are prodded, whipped, and electric shocked, and routinely suffer debilitating injuries including torn ligaments, broken bones, and even paralysis. There is nothing entertaining about cruelty to animals.

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Name: Karl Schreck

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 05:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Stop the ban on rodeos. File number 20-1575 must not pass.

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Name: Chase Slade

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 05:50 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Allowing this ban to pass would be devastating to not only rodeo but to western life, you can not set a precedent that would ruin the western way of life.

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Name: Jessica Eldeen

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 05:54 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: There are already laws in place regarding rodeo equipment and usage in California. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association also has over 70 rules pertaining to the safety of the livestock and contestants. These laws and rules already address spurs, flank straps and electric prod usage. Penal code 596.7 already restricts the use of electric prods, flank straps are fleece lined or soft rope, and sharp spurs are prohibited and locked spurs are prohibited in saddle bronc and bareback events. These animals are athletes and receive the best treatment. Rodeo couldn't exist without them.

Communication from Public

Name: Conrad

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 06:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The ban on the sport of rodeo in the City and or County of Los Angeles is an outrage to all Americans that live this lifestyle. The horses, cattle, sheep, dogs and other animals that participate in the western heritage are treated and care for with the upmost respect and love. I request that the City of Los Angeles take consideration to the way of life that most rural Americans live in this State and keep the equestrian and livestock traditions to continue. Thank you Conrad

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Name: Derrick

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 06:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The sport of rodeo started 139 years ago there is nothing more American than rodeo. If you don't like rodeo don't pay to go to a event. Don't punish the others for there opinion of enjoying going to a rodeo and watch competition. Our society has become that people want others to have the same opinion as themselves. The United States is a free country and we are allowed to have different opinion's than the city council. I'm not a football fan football games have injures maybe the council should look at canceling football games since some people don't like them.

Communication from Public

Name: T

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 07:10 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: This comment is meant to address the LA ban on rodeo. It is my opinion that the people who advocate for the ban of rodeo are among some of the least informed individuals I have ever met. Once every few years i will come across a lengthy article or video of someone claiming to expose the dark truth of rodeo. Its always the same theme. Completely exaggerated or even made up stories, talk of common death and injury to horses, cattle, bulls, and other livestock. This is not true, infact its quite the opposite. These animal athletes are just that, athletes. They eat better than most families, they are loved and cared for like family, I personally know individuals that take better care of their animals than they do themselves. Before you make your decision to Ban rodeo in LA, make sure that you are informed. Watch Clinton Anderson start colts, watch the profesional barrel racers practice, watch and see how much time, care, and attention to detail professional rodeo athletes give to their animals. After you do this, ask yourself when was the last time you grommed your dog, ask yourself how long that dread lock has been behind your dogs ear, when was the last time you thought about vaccinations for your pet, when the last time you took your dog in for a dentist appointment, when the last time you spent an hour researching and deciding which dog food is best for your specific dog. I know that rodeo athletes rarely go a day without grooming their horses, they vacinate their horses and cattle regularly, there are even entire facebook groups dedicated to sharing information about what livestock diseases are happening when and where. I remember a few years ago there were a handful of cases of strangles (a treatable disease in horses) in my state, this lead entire rodeos and large rodeo associations to cancel their events for the safety of the horses while at the same time it was the hight of flu season and parents all over the state and country were sending their children to school, to the park, to a friends house with little to no concern about them contracting the flu. The horses used in competition rarely go a year without a dentist checking in, usually they go multiple times a year, the horses used in rodeo are fed some of the most quality hay, grains, and suplemets all year since the day they are born, to the day they die. I personally know horse owners that can tell you the fat, sugar, and protein proportions in each of their horses grain buckets. These animals are often cared

for better than most family pets and I don't see any policies in favor of banning house pets. These horses and livestock are cared for in ways many people would never think to do. As a participant in rodeo and a fan, I know what rodeo is about and what it stands for. Please do your own research, go see a rodeo, ask the participants to explain what they do, how they care for their animals and decide for yourself if rodeo is something you disagree with. I'm certain that if you and your committee are truly informed about the details of rodeo you will understand why there are so many people who love rodeo, why rodeo continues to grow larger with more participants and fans, and why so many people love to live the western life style. Thank you for reading.

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Name: Vicky Brown

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 07:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I would like to show my support for not banning rodeos in LA or anywhere else. The livestock owned by stock contractors and rodeo contestants could not be any more taken care of and loved as they are by these people. These animals get the best care, the best veterinary care and the most love than a lot of people. Rodeo gives these animals a purpose, these animals love their jobs and showing out in front of crowds. They have personalities just like people. Just like people they need something to do and have purpose. The people who own all of these rodeo animals and the people who attend the hundreds of rodeos DO NOT want anything to happen to the animals anymore than they want to see something happen to the rodeo contestants. There are rules in place to make sure that safety measures are taken to keep the animals safe and healthy. Visit these animals in their rodeo homes before you make judgment on how they are treated and cared for. This is a great sport with wonderful human and animal athletes. Look on the other side. There are thousands of animal athletes (horses, bulls, calves, ect.) what do you think will happen to them if the rodeo industry is not there to give them a purpose? There are so many of these type of animals that are not lucky enough to become a rodeo animal. They are in pastures with no grass or shelter, they are in barns with no clean place to lay down, without quality feed, with no veterinary care when needed and last but not least no one that cares about them, loves them and treat them like family. Have you ever seen an animal starving or full of parasites or their hooves so long they can't walk? It is an awful thing to see and heartbreaking. The rodeo industry can not rescue all of these animals but they sure do their part to care for what they can. Why would you want to ban an industry that does such good things for animal health and care. The rodeo industry is part of America's history and who we are. If people had a little more of the cowboy way the world would be a much better place. Livestock helped build this country (especially California) they were not mistreated then and they are not mistreated now. We need the rodeo industry please don't let people who don't understand it and who don't really know how well care for the animals make decisions about this industry.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 11:04 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I 100% stand against bulls used in rodeos!

Communication from Public

Name: Kim Jett with Animal Defenders International

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 03:11 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Animal Defenders International based in Los Angeles, and on behalf of our supporters in LA, in strong support of Council File 20-1575. ADI's ongoing studies highlight the abuse, deprivation, and suffering of animals used in entertainment. Their mental and physical health are inevitably compromised; constant travel and temporary, inadequate facilities make it impossible to provide for their needs. Rodeos cause animals to suffer from injury, pain, stress, and fear. Bulls and horses are tormented in the chutes prior to release into the ring. Riders dig spurs into the animals' flesh. Tail-twisting is another painful way of forcing the animals into aggressive behavior. The flank strap, a strap around the sensitive lower abdomen area, makes them buck when it is pulled tight as the horse or bull leaves the chute. Bulls used in rodeos are prodded, whipped, and electric shocked, and routinely suffer debilitating injuries including torn ligaments, broken bones, skin-abrasions, concussions, internal bleeding, and paralysis. Some disciplines can result in broken necks and spines, or even death. There is nothing enjoyable about watching an animal suffering fear, pain and distress, this is not entertainment. Thank you to the committee, for your ongoing efforts to protect animals in Los Angeles. We urge your support for Council File 20-1575.

Communication from Public

Name: Leilani

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 03:22 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I support the ban on rodeo devices. I grew up with horses and cows and have worked with them in a professional capacity at rescues, and it's not hard to see that they are emotional, sensitive, and sentient beings not unlike you or I, or your dog or cat. They feel love and pain, and rodeos are violent painful exploitation of animals that do not want to be put in these situations. What we call entertainment is literally the animal reacting to the pain being inflicted upon them. I attended two rodeos as a child and at both I witnessed violence against the animals there, which resulted in the death of one of them. Thank you for supporting this ordinance!

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 03:27 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support this legislation. This is a practice from a bygone era before animal welfare was considered. The animals who participate in the rodeo have no choice in the matter and many experience grave stress and trauma from the event.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 03:57 PM

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Communication from Public

Name: Deysi Sierra

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 03:58 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support File 20-1575 and I am a Los Angeles resident. I implore for human compassion to expand toward all animals from every species in every corner of this earth. Please ban all rodeos from Los Angeles county and let's provide a humane and caring environment for those precious animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Steve Hindi

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 04:28 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: My name is Steve Hindi. I am the founder and unpaid president of SHowing Animals Respect and Kindness, which has investigated rodeos since 1993. Our first rodeo California rodeo investigation was in 1997, a quarter century ago. Today's Los Angeles Times article mentions 125 animal injuries at California rodeos since 2001, leading to at least 35 deaths. As one who has spent hundreds and hundreds of hours in rodeo stands across California, I can tell you that's just the tip of the iceberg. For example, in 2013 the Salinas Rodeo reported 3 injuries, while I video documented 23 injuries. In 2014, Salinas reported one injury, while I video documented 19 injuries. Those files and hundreds of other rodeo videos are up on YouTube for the world to see. Our decades of video documentation at rodeos across the US and into Canada don't lie. One of California's greatest historical figures, Cesar Chavez, likened rodeos to bullfighting, cockfighting and dogfighting. That is the truth, and it is time to stop this indefensible abuse by banning rodeo tools of torture. I am available to answer questions about my organizations 30 years of rodeo investigations. I can be reached at 630-640-1889. I can be emailed at shindi@sharkonline.org Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Rick Boydston

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 04:48 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: My name is Rick Boydston, and I was born and raised in Los Angeles. I am proud to live in a progressive city that during my lifetime has always sought to move forward. I support Council File 20-1575. Surely people can find better entertainment than animal abuse. Dog fights, greyhound racing, and wearing fur have all gone the way of the dinosaur. Let's put an end to rodeos in the great City of Angels once and for all. Thank you for reading my message

Communication from Public

Name: gill stead

Date Submitted: 12/07/2022 10:17 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please pass the rodeo ordinance and stop the abuse of helpless animals.