

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tracy  
**Date Submitted:** 01/02/2026 11:55 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Save Rodeo

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/02/2026 02:17 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please continue to support the Rodeo, as it provides invaluable culture, employment and community experiences to local, interstate and international visitors.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** John  
**Date Submitted:** 01/02/2026 02:55 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Do NOT ban rodeo!!!! No ban on rodeo!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Toni  
**Date Submitted:** 01/02/2026 03:12 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Susan Smoot

**Date Submitted:** 01/02/2026 03:42 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I implore you not to ban rodeos. It is an important livelihood for many people that provides a place for families and children to come together. It teaches the value of hard work and working together for a common goal. Their livelihood depends on the health and wellbeing of the animals. Thank you

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/02/2026 03:53 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the proposed ban on rodeo. I personally compete in equestrian events, and my horses and live stock receive the best care possible. This ban is short sighted and driven by ill-informed radical activists.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/02/2026 10:10 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo

## Communication from Public

**Name:** David W Perry

**Date Submitted:** 01/02/2026 10:35 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a parent and grand parent who's family is involved in animal husbandry I can't say I'm surprised that this matter is before us now. I cannot possibly make the blind see how many youngsters will be affected by this decision if it is allowed to move forward. The children are our future. Children involved with animal husbandry learn lessons and responsibilities that will carry them throughout their lives. Please consider this when you attempt to kill Rodeo activities because it will not stop there. Thank you,  
David Perry

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/02/2026 11:02 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am opposed to the proposed ban of the sport of rodeo for several reasons. First, having been a participant and an observer for many years, I have intimate knowledge from 1966 to the present day confirming that the animals involved in every event are very well cared for, humanely treated and protected from abuse by handlers and contestants. Secondly, the bulls and horses in bucking events have an exceptional propensity in their DNA to buck. They enjoy bucking and are only ridden for 8 seconds, if they don't succeed in throwing a rider prior to that. The sheepswool-covered bucking "strap" is only a cue for the bull or horse to start bucking. It has never been placed on the animal to restrict its genitals - to assert that is a lie that has been promoted by "animal rights" activists. In addition, the bucking stock are very smart - they know that they are there to buck cowboys off and they enjoy their 8-second job. They know that they will then be well fed, watered, rested & watched over. Third, the stock contractors are very conscientious about protecting the animals & providing the best care for them because (1) they respect them; (2) the animals are their livelihood; and (3) the animals would not feel up to performing if they were not well cared for or being injured. (4) Veterinarians are always on scene in case of sudden illness or accidental injury of any animal, and in the instance of an animal's injury that is caused by a contestant, that contestant can be fined and/or banned from further competition at that event. The same degree of care and protection is utilized with the roping cattle and for the same reasons. There would be no competition events without providing the best care and protection of the cattle and horses involved. The roping cattle wear protective head gear so they do not get injured. The tie-down calves being roped & tied out-weigh the cowboys by at least 100 pounds, and they are very tough - roping their tough necks & tying 3 legs does no harm to them. It's how they are safely doctored & branded on the ranch without hurting them or the cowboys. (5) Further, stock contractors and horse owners have many thousands of dollars invested in their animals, so they provide the best care & protection of their animals in order to protect their investments. A study of the horses ridden by barrel racers, ropers and other timed-event contestants will confirm their personal investments, the exemplary vet care, etc., and their love & respect for their horses. Not to overlook the cattle used in

bulldogging events, those cattle weigh in the area of 500-700 pounds and have very tough neck muscles. They are not even remotely abused nor injured in that event. Again, if that were the case the contestant involved could be fined and/or barred from further competition. The stock contractors take very good care of their cattle and protect them from harm because they are the contractors' livelihood. Finally, the stock contractors and the contestants in rodeo events love the sport and they love & respect their animals. The crowds of tens of thousands of spectators love rodeo and travel great distances to see the performances of the great animal athletes and the cowboys & cowgirls. They all generate a lot of commerce for the communities where each rodeo is held, frequenting restaurants, motels & hotels, other local venues, etc. There is no practical or rational reason whatsoever to entertain the thought of banning rodeo. Please do not vote to ban rodeo.



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## Fwd: A city that breeds cruelty, led by a mayor who enables it.

1 message

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Office of the City Clerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Fri, Jan 2, 2026 at 7:22 AM

To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

[tebasaa@icloud.com](mailto:tebasaa@icloud.com)

----- Forwarded message -----

From: 'Teba Saoud' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

Date: Fri, Jan 2, 2026 at 7:08 AM

Subject: A city that breeds cruelty, led by a mayor who enables it.

To: <controller.mejia@lacity.org>, <CAO.Webmaster@lacity.org>, <kenneth.mejia@lacity.org>, <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, <Councilmember.Hernandez@lacity.org>, <annette.ramirez@lacity.org>, <ani.commission@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <Karen.Bass@lacity.org>, <councilmember.nazarian@lacity.org>, <sharon.tso@lacity.org>, <letters@latimes.com>, <fox11news@fox.com>, <editor@citywatchla.com>

To whom it may concern,

According to the City's own LA Animal Services "Woof Reports," since December 2022:

- Intake is up 11.5%
  - Deaths in care are up 39.2%
  - Euthanasia is up 56.1%
  - Missing / stolen / escaped are up 48.2%
- City shelters are now permanently operating at over 130% capacity.

Yet the proposed FY 2025-26 budget cuts \$6.4 million from LA Animal Services and removes 62 positions, a move that could close half of the city's shelters.

In response to public outrage, Mayor Bass quietly shifted \$5 million into the "Unappropriated Balance," a reserve fund that sounds like a restoration but isn't.

This money isn't in the LAAS operating budget—it's just a fallback pool the City might release later.

Even if the entire \$5 million were eventually unlocked, the department would still be down \$1.4 million from last year—before accounting for inflation and rising costs.

It's hush money designed to calm the public while shelters continue to drown.

Los Angeles doesn't need financial games; it needs more kennels, more officers, and another full-service shelter to relieve chronic overcrowding.

California already ranks second highest in the nation for animal abuse risk. It also has some of the strongest animal protection laws, but they're rarely enforced. Research by the FBI and Department of Justice shows a clear link between animal cruelty and later acts of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and homicide. When cruelty goes unchecked, community violence rises with it.

Los Angeles calls itself a diverse and tolerant city, yet right now it tolerates cruelty most. At a public salary exceeding \$230,000 a year, the Mayor should be leading the charge to strengthen enforcement and fund humane care, not presiding over cuts that deepen neglect.

We demand the Mayor:

1. Restore full funding and staffing to LA Animal Services, no cuts, no withheld funds.
2. Commit to an additional shelter to relieve capacity, and
3. Direct a Controller audit to ensure animal-welfare laws are properly enforced.

A city's character, and its public safety, are measured by how it treats the powerless. Los Angeles can, and must, do better. Else Mayor Bass is clearly unfit to serve the community as a public official.

Sincerely,



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To: City Clerk Council and Public Services <clerk.cps@lacity.org>

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Date: Fri, Jan 2, 2026 at 3:18 PM

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To: <controller.mejia@lacity.org>, <CAO.Webmaster@lacity.org>, <kenneth.mejia@lacity.org>, <councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org>, <Councilmember.Hernandez@lacity.org>, <annette.ramirez@lacity.org>, <ani.commission@lacity.org>, <CityClerk@lacity.org>, <Karen.Bass@lacity.org>, <councilmember.nazarian@lacity.org>, <sharon.tso@lacity.org>, <letters@latimes.com>, <fox11news@fox.com>, <editor@citywatchla.com>

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