

Communication from Public

Name: Scott Kloster

Date Submitted: 01/03/2026 06:04 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a lifelong rodeo fan, a former competitor at a young age, and someone who remains actively involved with stock contractors and rodeo participants, I can state unequivocally that rodeo animals are not harmed by the practices referenced in this legislation. Flank straps do not cause pain or injury. They are designed to encourage natural bucking behavior and are strictly regulated. Spurs used in competition are dull and controlled, with rules in place to prevent abuse. These facts are well established within the industry and enforced by sanctioning bodies that prioritize animal welfare. Rodeo is a long-standing, culturally important, and a link to our western heritage and history. Do not change that, please. Rodeo stock represents a significant financial investment, and the health and well-being of these animals is essential to the livelihood of those who raise, care for, and transport them. No responsible stock contractor or participant would engage in conduct that harms animals they depend upon and care for daily. This bill, however, threatens to place those individuals, many of whom operate small or family-run operations, in severe financial jeopardy based on misconceptions rather than evidence. The bill does nothing to improve animal welfare. Instead, it unfairly targets a regulated and transparent industry while ignoring established veterinary oversight, animal care standards, and enforcement mechanisms already in place. The result would be economic harm to agricultural businesses, loss of cultural and sporting traditions, and no demonstrable benefit to livestock. For these reasons, I respectfully urge the Committee to abandon 20-1575 and allow it to be dead on arrival. Any legislation affecting agriculture and livestock should be informed by facts, expert input, and direct engagement with those who work with animals every day. Thank you, Scott Kloster

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Name: Martin P

Date Submitted: 01/03/2026 07:11 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is a vital part of our cultural heritage and a celebration of Western traditions that should be preserved for future generations". Animal Welfare Standards: "I support rodeos because they already operate under strict animal welfare guidelines that ensure the safety and well-being of the livestock". Economic & Community Impact: "Rodeos provide significant economic benefits and support local charities, making them an essential part of our community's fabric".

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Name:

Date Submitted: 01/03/2026 10:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't ban rodeo. The livestock is well taken care of, because they are very valuable. The stock contractors take pride in the care of their animals.

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Name: Tracy
Date Submitted: 01/03/2026 01:22 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Save Rodeo

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Date Submitted: 01/03/2026 02:10 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please ban rodeos in Los Angeles!

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Name:

Date Submitted: 01/03/2026 02:14 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please outlaw rodeos in Los Angeles.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 01/03/2026 02:20 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are distressing for bulls, please ban rodeo in Los Angeles!

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Name: Rachel Moore

Date Submitted: 01/03/2026 03:18 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Banning a way of life just because you are going off emotional tendencies or opinions is wrong and illogical. Rodeos are part of American history and culture so in effect you're pushing for the ban of AMERICAN history and culture. Many of these participants also supply food for your table. Ever heard of the phrase No Farms, No food.



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

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

Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 3:21 PM

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

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From: **Pam Andaloro** <lovemyvenom@gmail.com>

Date: Sat, Jan 3, 2026 at 8:05 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,