

Communication from Public

Name: Natalie

Date Submitted: 01/04/2026 02:43 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Do not ban rodeo. Rodeo animals receive top notch care and are valued immensely. They ARE NOT abused.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 01/04/2026 04:22 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am a Professional Rodeo Athlete, and Rodeo is how I make my yearly income to provide for my family. It is my lifestyle it is what God has created me to not just make money but reach so many people through each year to teach them about God, and to glorify him through me. So rodeo for me isn't just making money it's living out Gods work. So please don't band rodeo in Los Angeles California, cause you will be taking away so much more from people like me.

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Name: Shane Bartosiewicz
Date Submitted: 01/04/2026 06:16 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Please don't ban rodeo

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Name: Renae Bartosiewicz
Date Submitted: 01/04/2026 06:18 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo and ranch life is very important to us and we love our western heritage. Please don't ban rodeo!

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Name: Becky Schwartz

Date Submitted: 01/04/2026 06:45 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: As a life long horse owner who grew up on cattle ranches and also rodeoing and horse showing. I can tell you livestock are well taken care of in the rodeo industry! Both the roughstock, as well as all the other livestock and horses. Please do not ban rodeo. It's part of our western way of life, livelihood and heritage! We love the animals that are part of it with us!

Communication from Public

Name: Laurie Fullerton

Date Submitted: 01/04/2026 08:34 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Do not cancel Rodeo. We live, love and care greatly for all the animals involved in and around Rodeo, both at home and on the road and at every event. Our ETI and local communities in and around LA county have fought for years, in the 90's with proving the financial benefits to the community, city's, state with having us register our horses as proof. And still after providing such financial benefits, ya'all are still pushing the same narrative and pushing to cancel. I'm in full support of Rodeo and any and all animal events to include 4H, FFA in Los Angeles California.
Thank you Laurie

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Name: Stacey Freitas

Date Submitted: 01/04/2026 09:50 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers, I am writing to ask you to please vote “No” on the proposed rodeo ban. The animals/livestock used in rodeos and western sports have the best care in the world. They have better care than stray dogs and cats roaming the streets and/or sitting in shelters. The ranchers/stock contractors that care for these animals are true animal lovers and would never ever want to see any harm done to ANY animal. These people are the ones that take in stray animals and care for them. They would never take any animal to a shelter and have them sit scared and unhappy in a small kennel on a hard, cold concrete floor---that there is cruelty to animals. Locking up animals in a kennel in a shelter is like sending them to prison. Rodeo livestock by far live a better life than the animals in the shelters and homeless people. They live in lush green pastures where they are free to roam and are fed the best quality hay. If you haven’t seen firsthand for yourself how rodeo livestock are cared for, I plead with you to vote “NO” and visit and learn how rodeo livestock is cared for before making a decision on the proposed rodeo ban. A “No” vote on the proposed rodeo ban will allow rodeo events to continue to be enjoyed by people of all cultural backgrounds and ages. Respectfully submitted, Stacey Freitas 916.690.7193 Women’s Professional Rodeo Association member and Former CA Circuit Director (2017-2019)

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Name: Rena Nelson
Date Submitted: 01/04/2026 02:10 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Do NOT ban rodeo!!! Rodeo is a big part of America's history and is a way of life for many of us.

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Name: Brett Hadley

Date Submitted: 01/04/2026 03:47 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is a way of life and a great lifestyle. We in Rodeo live it and I feel we need to be able to do the things we love. Do NOT take away rodeo. Thanks, Brett Hadley

Communication from Public

Name: Benjamin Deines

Date Submitted: 01/04/2026 10:05 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I believe that if your going to consider banning rodeo that you first educate yourself on it talk to someone that dose rodeo even do research on it before you make a decision at all that would be the best thing because believe it or not if you do band rodeo you will change not only the lives of people that live and breathe rodeo but also the people that don't have anything to do with it the amount of money and entertainment that can be had with rodeo is tremendous. And for the record rodeo animals are treated better then zoo animals if you think about it they get to compete and become athletes just like there rides, so please look into it before you change it and even go to a rodeo and see for yourself



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

1 message

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

Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 3:20 PM

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

toicrawford@aol.com

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

Date: Sun, Jan 4, 2026 at 12:11 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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Mon, Jan 5, 2026 at 3:27 PM

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

christabel108@icloud.com

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From: 'Christa Pietrini' via Clerk - CityClerk <cityclerk@lacity.org>

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