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Los Angeles Rodeo Ordinance FAQs

Question/ Concern	Explanation/ Clarification
Will this affect other equestrian activities in my district, such as horseback riding, show-jumping?	No. This is a narrowly-focused ordinance that is specifically regarding rodeo and rodeo-type activities, as clearly defined by the LA City Attorney.
What about the cultural impact?	A poll by Lincoln Park Strategies behalf of Last Chance for Animals revealed that 72 percent of registered Los Angeles voters surveyed support banning prods, flank straps, and other tools that force animals to perform. The poll showed strong support across all demographic groups, including 70 percent approval among Black respondents and 67 percent among Latino respondents. Link to survey: https://lpstrategies.com/la-survey-2022
Concerns with cultural impact, cont'd	Mexico City recently banned bullfighting per their constitution and cock fighting is illegal in all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, and all U.S. territories despite those activities' deep cultural ties.
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Concerns with cultural impact, cont'd	A recent opinion piece in the local Argonaut News, "Compassionate Latinos Condemn Charreada Cruelty" by Marco Antonio Regil, details the abuses of the Charreada and explains how most Latinos don't want to see animals be tormented. In his words, <i>"The opinions of a small minority of rodeo and charreada enthusiasts should not outweigh those of the overwhelming majority of people who condemn cruelty to animals."</i> https://www.argonautnews.com/opinion/compassionate-latinos-condemn-charreada-cruelty/article_f6796c7a-a299-11ed-8139-87feecaf1615.html
Are there other jurisdictions in CA that have rodeo ordinances? What about in other parts of the country?	Yes. The California communities of Pasadena, San Francisco, Chino Hills, Laguna Woods, Irvine and Napa County prohibit rodeos. Leestown, VA; Pittsburgh, PA & Southampton, NY prohibit flank straps, electric prods, spurs. Fort Wayne, IN & St. Petersburg, FL prohibit rodeos. For a more complete list: https://www.animallaw.info/intro/rodeos & https://sharkonline.org/index.php/animal-cruelty/rodeo-cruelty/755-locations-with-prohibitions-or-restrictions-on-rodeos-or-rodeo-events

Rodeos use docile farm animals (namely horses, bulls, steers, calves).

These animals must be provoked so that they act "wild," "rank," "untamed."

Provocation occurs with manmade instruments, causing these animals to behave in unnatural and/or exaggerated manners, which places them at grave risk of injury or death.

This is precisely what this ordinance is focused on.

**PLEASE REACH OUT IF YOU HAVE ANY
ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.**

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EXAMPLE: BEFORE AND AFTER IMAGES OF BUSHEWACKER THE BULL

