

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Chris DeRose

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**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear CouncilMembers, I am writing to you as the President & Founder of Last Chance for Animals (LCA), an international non-profit organization dedicated to eliminating animal abuse through investigations, education, advocacy, and media coverage. LCA is headquartered in West Hollywood and has over 3000 supporters who live in Los Angeles. On behalf of myself and LCA's staff and supporters, I am writing to express my full support for a Motion brought forward by Councilmember Bob Blumenfield (District 3) and Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell (District 13), calling for a Municipal ban on rodeos and rodeo-type activities in the City of Los Angeles. LCA has a history of speaking out against rodeos, and in 2020, LCA, and a coalition of animal rights organizations, held a demonstration at the Staples Center in Los Angeles to protest a rodeo held by the Professional Bull Riders, Inc (PBR). Animal abuse is inherent in the rodeo industry. Rodeo participants incite animals to perform in rodeo events by abusing them with painful tools, including electric prods, sharp sticks, and flank straps. Common injuries include broken bones, internal bleeding and even death. At the end of their rodeo career, animals are discarded at slaughterhouses to be killed for meat. An interview with a retired veterinarian, who worked in federal slaughterhouses for 30 years, said by the time rodeo animals reached the slaughterhouse, they suffered injuries including extensive bruising, broken ribs, and punctured lungs. I truly believe that the City of Los Angeles is a progressive city that cares about the welfare of all animals. In the past, L.A. has made great strides to show compassion towards all animals. Please, do the right thing and pass a Municipal ordinance banning rodeos in the city of L.A. Sincerely, Chris DeRose President & Founder Last Chance for Animals City of Los Angeles Resident

February 10, 2020

Re. Council File # 20-1575

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris DeRose", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Chris DeRose  
President & Founder  
Last Chance for Animals  
City of Los Angeles Resident