

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Shelby Montes  
**Date Submitted:** 01/20/2022 11:24 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Vote NO on banning rodeo. The fact that this is EVEN a proposition is astoundingly horrible! Our young people LOVE rodeo and it gives them something to take pride in. To take that away would be detrimental to their mental and physical health. For many, it is an outlet in which they find peace, clarity, as well as develop skills that will last them a lifetime. By doing this, you are slapping America in the face! You should be ashamed that this is even being suggested! You should be so disgusted that ANYONE could even THINK about taking rodeo away from our young people! Disgraceful! In a time when mental health is declining rapidly, and declining amount our young people, to then take away or restrict rodeo on top of that?! Are you simply trying to make life intolerable? Are you simply trying to force people into such a depression that they take their own life? Because THAT is the only reason I can see anyone attempting this! You just don't care about our young people or our traditions. You are so out of touch with humanity because you're so caught up in restrictions and mandates. LEAVE THE PEOPLE ALONE!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Taylor Mahtesian  
**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 08:41 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban equestrian events! Just because you don't understand our lifestyle doesn't mean you should take it from us.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Alec  
**Date Submitted:** 01/29/2022 09:40 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Free the rodeos

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 01/30/2022 03:48 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please uphold the Western way of life and do not ban rodeo and other related events.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Dean Gustafson  
**Date Submitted:** 02/11/2022 04:27 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** I strongly oppose the cancelling of the rodeo. Please reconsider.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Andrew Stout

**Date Submitted:** 02/14/2022 01:26 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Stop ?? your tyrannical obsession with stopping the the events and shows we all love so much. Los Angeles started at a western cowboy ?? town, and should remain that way for the Love of God!!! AJS

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mary

**Date Submitted:** 02/14/2022 04:00 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I thank the city of Los Angeles for putting a ban on bull riding, rodeos and other Western events. A rodeo Is an event of torture pain and terror for the animals which are forced to participate in it. Thank you for the ban.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 01:21 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Placing a ban on historical western sports that has deep roots in CA will do nothing to the sport and only make the council look like a bunch of out of touch and misguided group that gets pushed around my people who don't know anything.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Juliet Elsherif  
**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 05:43 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Keep all western sports coming to Los Angeles forever

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Barbara E Steever

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 06:03 AM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm writing in support of keeping rodeo events in Los Angeles. There is no reason to ban rodeo events. The animals involved are not abused. The outcries from animal rights activists are disingenuous. They think everything humans do with animals is abusive. They've already gone after Ringling Bros Circus, Sea World, carriage rides in every major city, dairy farms, and even the pony rides in Griffith Park. They are also making in roads into banning pets. Nothing will satisfy them until we can only see animals in sanctuaries that they operate, and in pictures/videos. Please draw a line in the sand, and do not allow them to knock off another animal industry.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Maggie Broadrick  
**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 11:26 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is a part of American culture. Please consider the heritage and the facts of rodeo before making any decisions that could negatively impact the industry.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** T.A.

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 03:26 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** " As a resident of Downtown, L.A. I support the L.A. Rodeo Device Ban", on the L.A. City Council Website, Council File #20-1575 because impact negatively the wellbeing of our communities. Cruel events such as this are disturbing our peace and specially the wellbeing of animals, the children, the survivors who live in fear, the habitants of Downtown L.A. and thousands of Americans living in other states. oppose this ,we deserve to be heard and Crypto .com should be hiring right now human artists. People need those jobs, not the animals, they need to be translated into a sanctuary.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Heather Larson

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 03:47 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** My concern with your lack of knowledge of rodeos and how the livestock is treated is very concerning. By pushing this agenda worded in the manner that it currently is to stop rodeos you are also trying to stop farmers and ranchers from being able to continue their livelihoods. Maybe instead of banning all rodeos you actually educate yourselves and your city dwelling folks to understand where their food comes from and why things are done in the manner that which they are done. May God have mercy on those who spread false information and arouse evil thoughts causing neighbor to falsely accuse neighbor.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jane Wood

**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 07:21 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Our western lifestyle built this nation. It would be against our ethical duty as Americans to undermine the people and livestock who represent the western way of life.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jon Kreitz  
**Date Submitted:** 02/15/2022 01:10 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I was born and raised in Southern California and have been involved in equestrian activities for over 50 years. I participated in rodeos while a teenager and remember regularly watching rodeos with Charro's from Mexico. Numerous laws have been put in place during my lifetime regarding rodeo equipment and usage in California, which have made the safety and welfare of livestock a top priority. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association also has over 70 rules pertaining to the safety of the livestock and contestants. These laws and rules already address spurs, flank straps, and electric prod usage. Penal code 596.7 already restricts the use of electric prods; flank straps are fleece-lined or soft rope, sharp spurs are prohibited, and locked spurs are prohibited in saddle bronc and bareback events. Rodeo and competition organizers take great pride in their rodeo livestock. Their animals are often worth thousands of dollars and are bred for their job as rodeo athletes. Items such as flank straps are not used to hurt an animal but for the safety of the animal and the rider. Flank straps are lined with fleece and never placed too tightly as the animal will not buck if that is the case. Spurs are not sharp as often indicated, and electric prods can only be used in case of an emergency when the chute gate is open, and the life of the animal and/or competitor is threatened. The Los Angeles City Council consulted no one involved in Rodeo or the western industry before they pushed the drafting of the ordinance forward. Please take the opportunity to educate yourselves about the equipment and usage before passing an ordinance. A number of businesses count on Professional Bull Riding and rodeo-related activities at venues like the Staples Center that draw capacity crowds for their business. Those restaurants and businesses that gain income from the economic impact of these events will see their bottom line negatively impacted. Please don't let misinformed good intentions take a part of what makes Los Angeles (and America) special. Please vote NO on this ordinance and keep this special part of LA's culture alive. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Robert

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Protect rodeos in Los Angeles. Rodeos are part of Latinx and Western ranch culture. If the city really is committed to diversity and inclusion, they need to respect and appreciate this sub-culture that has had long historic significance in Chicano and Western ranch culture. Embracing a diversity of cultural practices and ideas is what makes Los Angeles a rich and dynamic place to live. Diversity means including all types of people and their traditions. If the City and its denizens are truly committed to diversity, inclusion, and respect they will continue to allow and promote rodeos in Los Angeles.