

Communication from Public

Name: Jim Pratt

Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 11:15 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is a great way of life. All animals are well taken care of.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 11:31 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: We oppose the ban on rodeo events including PBR. These organizations take excellent care of their animals. Spend a day, a week, a month with them and see how well the animals are treated.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 12:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: No reason to ban a sport that takes ten times better care of there athletes (bovine or riders) then you're government does for the city of l.A. so maybe rethink your problems before You channel everything into Disliking a sport because you're to stupid to understand it

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Name: Cameron Tallau
Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 12:02 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Being part of the rodeo crowd I have been up close and personal with some of the animals and I can personally say that these animals are treated like princesses. First the flanks on a bull or bronc are soft and loose like a belt. Flank ropes are not tied to the animals testicles, the flank is for us to tell the animal it's time for work and they get excited to do so. They thrive for the excitement and get rewarded heavily. Second the cattle prod is a tool only used when necessary and it is a very necessary tool. The hot stick as some call it is not painful as much as it is a surprise. I have personally felt what a cattle prod feels like and it's not that bad especially to livestock that have higher pain tolerances. Hot sticks or cattle prods are equivalent to shock collars on dogs used for training purposes. Again these animals have higher pain tolerances. Third the spurs we use on bucking stock is very safe for these animals. Most if not all rodeo Associations create rules and guidelines for spurs for the safety of the animals. Basic rule always says something along the lines of spurs have to be dull and can not cut or puncture skin of the livestock. If the spurs are too sharp the riders will be asked to remove them or can even be disqualified. If you do hurt the animal it usually ends up with a fine and repeat offenders can be banned from Association. Use of spurs in rough stock events is about equivalent to grabbing a dog by the scruff. It does not harm them or agitate them. All it does is give our feet something to use to grip on to. Spurs are necessary to the sport but do not hurt the animals. Finally the myth that US rodeos have to taunt and hurt and agitate the animals to buck is false. Every rodeo I have ever been to, the animals bucked because they wanted too. I have seen and been on the back of bulls that don't feel like it and will just walk around or lay down on you. The bucking stock bucks because they want to. It's a game to them and they are as much athletes as the riders. Again like I said these animals are treated very well by use and the stock contractors because without these animals we wouldn't have jobs and income and a sport we all love. A lot of us in the chute and back by the pens even pet these animals and a lot of us respect them heavily.

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Name: Hailey Kinsel

Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 12:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the ban on the PBR and western sports. Rodeo events are a gallant job for animals and the animals love their jobs. They are immaculately cared for, better than most people, and FAR better than they would be in the wild. We are so grateful for events that promote the care of these animals, and we must work to preserve these events so that the animals can continue to receive the best possible care as we keep their owners afloat financially.

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Name: Jacob Goist

Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 11:46 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is the furthest thing from animal abuse. All of these animals are cared for better than most peoples cats and dogs. I am OPPOSED to this legislation.

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Name: Ashley
Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 12:39 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is the best sport around especially involving animals. They are taken care of and loved like family. Don't take it away.

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Name: Amber Petersen
Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 01:05 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: As a life long animal lover AND rodeo family I encourage this council to educate themselves rather than blindly following misinformation. The PRCA has an excellent guide to animal welfare located on their website, here is the link.
<https://www.prorodeo.com/prorodeo/livestock/livestock-welfare-rules>
Any reputable stock contractor would welcome a chance to show you how well their stock is cared for. In fact, these animals are likely better cared for than most backyard animals! They get choice feed, excellent veterinary care- even massage and chiropractic care as well. Please take the time to meet a rodeo cowboy and see the gear they use. There are no sharpened spurs or barbs or other sharp objects in the gear. Have you witnessed a working dog? Such as a herding dog or K-9 unit, much like these working animals, rodeo stock are born and bred to perform. You will see these bulls taking victory laps after bucking off a rider because they truly enjoy their job. A scared or injured animal will not perform and the bottom line is that hurts a contractors bottom dollar. There are many lifestyles that I do not understand or agree with, but I do not condemn them- I simply do not support them with my time or business. This is a prime example of that. Rodeos are not circuses or zoos, the treatment of rodeo stock cements this statement as they are not confined or abused. Any stock contractor, their family and those of us who rodeo for a living would tell you they would never stand for anyone abusing their livestock, as these animals are like our family. We raise them, feed them, doctor them and form strong bonds with them. These animals are not discarded after use like dogs used for fighting. Most retire to green pastures to make babies and look over the young stock as they grow. Beyond stock welfare, rodeo is a family. We look out for each other with tighter bonds and greater love than any organization or sport I've ever seen. The young men and women that I support are some of the hardest working, honest of character and upstanding people I've ever had the honor to meet. There are not many other sports where someone could have just failed miserably and turn around and cheer their competitors on. You will see this in the rodeo arena, where a young man has just spent hundreds of dollars for the opportunity to compete, buck off his bull and climb right onto the chute to help the next rider. You will see timed event competitors loan a \$25,000 horse to someone who's horse is not well without the blink of an eye. In the past two years I have rarely been to an event that wasn't a packed house or even sold out, this is not a dying industry but a thriving one that brings in business with it from town to town. In an era of "cancel culture" where society is hell bent on destroying anyone and anything they do not agree with, I would encourage you to stand with us to protect our way of life and our western heritage. Above all else I implore you to educate yourself personally rather than buy into any staged or skewed propaganda.

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Name: Coonce Jeff

Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 01:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been watching Bull riding for the past 21 years. These animals are athletes. They get great care ,they are feed very well and see doctor once a month. These bulls take care of like a house pet. I oppose the ban on PBR and western sports.

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Name: Elida Garcia
Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 02:51 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: LA needs to keep and support PBR. All major cities across the USA support and enjoy PBR Rodeos why should LA be an exception.

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Name: Nancy Daly

Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 04:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I hate that your county is trying to ban rodeo. I have read ignorant comments from people who have no idea of what the oldest sport in America is about and the financial impact it has on sponsoring cities and the scholarship money given to kids that will be future farmers and ranchers. Supporting industries are multi-million-dollar businesses that would be damaged. Facts that need to be corrected: Cattle prods are not used in pro rodeos - spurs in bronc riding are dull and smooth and do not hurt the animals (you never see scared necks or flanks) - bulls and horses are not given drugs to make them buck (they are bred by from generations of bucking stock and are very valuable animals) - cattle and calves very tough and are not easily injured (their ultimate fate is to be slaughtered along with millions of other livestock that end up on your plates} - you never see blood or scar marks on bulls (their hides are tough} - that's why cattle hides are used for shoes, boots, purses, etc. Cowboys are not macho showoffs but the humblest of pro sportsmen (macho belongs to football, basketball and hockey players). People rodeo because they love it and it's part of this country's western heritage. Many come from working ranches or from rodeo families. They start in Little Bitches, continue through high school and college (there are rodeo scholarships given from several hundred colleges}. Others love the sport as kids and will find a way to get started if that's their dream. Most pro rodeo athletes make their livings from competing and not being able to do so would be devastating. The ignorant animal activists are so absorbed with rodeo, but there are many other sad situations they should be concentrating on. Rodeo animals are very valuable and well taken care of. Many bulls and horses in the rough stock events are worth up to \$100,000 or more. and roping, steer wrestling, and barrel horses can cost up to \$200,000 or more. Rodeo is alive and well and your county is not looking at the real facts but giving in to a bunch of crazy radicals. When you consider the many other events involving horses and shows, you are cutting your own throats and losing a lot of revenue these events generate. Very sad and not well thought out. I suggest you reconsider your banning of rodeo - despicable decision.

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Name: RON LIMBER
Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 04:52 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: STOP THE BAN OF RODEOS

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Name: Sheila Howard

Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 05:00 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Stock contractors, cowboys and cowgirls take better care of their animals than many people take care of their kids. These animals are pampered and their well being is more important to the owners than their own. Grow up and have some fun. Hang out with a stock contractor and you will be impressed how they take care of their animals. Then look at your police booking and court cases of child abuse and tell me the PBR is a bad thing. If you believe that then you have never seen how there animals are revered. Wish some people would take care of their kids and elderly with the care these contractors take care of their animals

Communication from Public

Name: Joan gladwin

Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 07:13 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I oppose the ban on Rodeos. They take very good care of their animals.

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Name: Paul Weatherby
Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 07:45 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I absolutely oppose the legislation and efforts to ban bull riding in California or anywhere else. The bulls receive top notch care 24/7 and lead a healthy life- and NO ONE can dispute this.

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/19/2022 08:06 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: We oppose the western sports ban. PBR, PRCA, and WPRA members take the best care of their animals.

Communication from Public

Name: wanda Beller

Date Submitted: 02/17/2022 03:41 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been watching rodeos since I was knee high. I am 67 and in all those years I have never seen any type of cruelty toward any of the animals. they are highly important and they all have the best of care. It is an american pass time.