

Communication from Public

Name: Lillian Maimone
Date Submitted: 02/22/2021 04:50 PM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I beg the council to vote in favor of eliminating all methods and mechanisms that create harm, pain, and immense fear to horses, their calves, steers, bulls. The horses are put in a tiny area (chute) where they can't move. That's where they torture the horse so she's "enraged" once the shoot is open. They yell in the horses ears, kick and hit her, then the worse part happens at the end. They use an electric prod right before they open the chute. They use a flank rope around their stomach to create pain. The rider keeps pulling on the flank and digs spurs into it's skin to create more pain resulting in bucking. The horse is in fear, in pain and just wants to get the man to stop giving him pain. The pain makes the horse "run blind" so it runs into fencing, posts or chutes which causes further injury. What happens after is this: Every horse has injuries. Wounds, torn muscles, broken bones, punctured lungs and broken ribs. If the horse is too injured, they send it off to the slaughter house where it's killed. The most horrible thing the rodeo does is calf roping. Prior to letting the calf enter the chute, they torture it with a steel chute bar and a 5000-volt electric prod. A tiny calf is forced to enter the arena and run for it's life at a high speed. The goal is to tie a rope around his head and drag the calf around on the dirt, then the rider jumps off the horse so he can tie the legs of the injured calf. The calf suffers a broken neck and broken legs, and torn skin from dragging its body. The calf is sent to the slaughter house. Steer Tripping is similar to calf dragging. The 700 lb steer gets the same torture treatment as the horse. It's forced to run so the rider can throw a rope around its horns. The steer's neck and head are jerked 180 degrees that causes it to violently trip, roll and be dragged for approx 30 feet so the rider can tie its legs. The results are the horns are fractured, the neck is injured, and open wounds. The steer is subject to this torture until it can't take it any longer. Then it's off to the slaughter house. Bull riding. They use the same cattle prod repeatedly to shock the bulls while trapped in the chute. Bucking straps and spurs are used to cause pain during the ride. The results are broken legs and back. They, too, end up being slaughtered. I don't understand how people enjoy watching animals getting tortured. There is big money involved in this so-called sport. Dogs are more protected. Please help protect the horses, baby calves, steers and bulls. Please vote to stop the abusive torture they do to these precious

innocent animals. Thank You, Lillian Maimone Altadena,
California

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Name: Minane Jameson

Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 12:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council Members, Please request your City Attorney to prepare and present an ordinance that prohibits the use of electric prods or shocking devices, flank or bucking straps, wire tie downs, sharpened or fixed spurs or rowels at all rodeo or rodeo related events in the City of L.A., modeled after the City of Pittsburgh's 1992 ordinance banning the aforementioned implements. I live in Hayward, located in Alameda County in northern California. There are two rodeo facilities in our county. Some of the implements described above are used at our rodeo facilities, oftentimes illegally. They are terribly cruel and always cause stress and pain to the animals. How can we allow this to continue? It's my hope that if your city bans these tools of torture, it will be a model for our rodeo facilities and all other rodeo facilities in California. I humbly request that your city lead the way and help put a stop to the inhumane treatment of animals used in rodeo. Sincerely, Minane Jameson

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Name: Michael Hegger
Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 12:55 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Council, Rodeos are, like bear baiting and cock fighting, relics of a crueller era of human history; events that only exist through the exploitation of cows, horses and other domesticated animals' fear and pain. The weapon-like devices used to stimulate the animals' "performances" are inherently harmful to them. Otherwise, they would not elicit the panic response required to put on the expected show. Banning these dreadful implements is logical and just, and would continue the council's admirable tradition of combating animal cruelty in the city of Los Angeles. With the passing of the fur ban and the ban on the use of bull hooks in traveling circuses, this potential ordinance prohibiting the most heinous aspects of rodeos might serve as the next great stride toward a Los Angeles that is truly equitable, for human beings and our fellow animals alike. Thank you, Michael Hegger

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Name: Emily Evans

Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 01:35 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, I am so glad that council members Bob Blumenfield and Mitch O'Farrell have proposed this critical motion. If enacted, this ordinance could have major implications. Los Angeles has served as a leader for progressive politics across America and has been especially advanced on the matter of animal rights. Banning this antiquated gladiatorial sport would be another major victory along the way toward a more fair and less violent society. May Los Angeles stand as a beacon of hope for all sentient beings. May we be the voice for those who are unable to speak for themselves, and may we lay the foundation upon which justice for all may be achieved. Emily Evans P.S. As our culture looks back with disdain at the bloodthirsty crowds of the Colosseum, so too will we someday look back on these exploitative animal gauntlets. It is in your powers to make a change.

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Name: Susan Griffiths
Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 03:21 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for banning the L.A. Rodeo. I am an Australian citizen resident in Austria but I have a cousin who lives in Los Angeles.

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Name: A Los Angeles Resident

Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 04:18 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a longtime Los Angeles resident, I wholeheartedly support a municipal ban on rodeos in Los Angeles. The blatant cruelty inflicted on animals used in rodeos is unconscionable. Please join other progressive and humane cities and vote in favor of the ban. Thank you.

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Name: Jamie Sanders

Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 07:59 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please make the decision to ban all violent tools of submission that are connected to rodeos. Using the cruel forms of brutality shows that it's time we close the door on this horrible industry. Animals do not consent to be flanked or kicked with sharp spurs. Please do the right thing and ban all instruments in rodeos.

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Name: Ashley Milo

Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 08:04 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Of COURSE these items should be banned. Why should anyone be allowed to inflict pain on another creature with the purpose of inciting a predictable response to pain. We know for a fact they suffer from this pain, they feel what is being done to them, in fact it's why it's done. Why was this ever considered okay, ever? It's cruel, inhumane, and needs to be banned immediately.

Communication from Public

Name: Mandy Linquist
Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 09:57 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Good morning. I would like to ask the City Council to postpone making the motion on the proposed ban of equipment used with Rodeos so there is adequate time to review the practices in place that protect the animals used in Rodeo. The extremists wishing to ban use of the items continue to push untruths and to rush ordinances in order to avoid facts being presented. This is just a little bit of background and there is much more information available: Veterinarians are on site at all professional rodeos in California in addition to 70 other rules that are in place for the safety of the animal athletes. With respect to the use of electric prods, California state law already regulates the use electric prods at rodeos under Penal Code 596.7 that specifically provides: "The rodeo management shall ensure that no electric prod or similar device is used on any animal once the animal is in the holding chute, unless necessary to protect the participants and spectators of the rodeo." Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association (PRCA) rules stipulate that the flank strap must be lined with sheepskin and be of the quick-release variety. No sharp or cutting objects may be placed in the strap, and the sheepskin- covered portion must be over both flanks and the belly of the animal. PRCA rules prohibit the use of sharpened spurs, locked rowels (the star-shaped wheel on spurs) or rowels that will lock when used in the saddle bronc riding and bareback riding events. Specifically, acceptable spurs have rowels that are blunt and are about one-eighth of an inch thick, so they will not cut the animals. Thank you for your consideration in gathering more information on this matter.
Sincerely, Mandy Linquist California Rodeo Salinas

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Name:

Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 11:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Ban rodeos. Ban animal exploitation. What are these outdated, uncivilized practices still doing in the 21st century in the name of "tradition"? This shameful act is definitely not my tradition. This taints not only the American culture, but is a disgrace to humanity. Time to evolve, folks. We must all gradually move towards a vegan lifestyle, in which we no longer inflict so much harm on other animals, the environment, health, humanity. In 2020, we saw the detrimental impacts of exploiting other beings and the environment has on humanity in return. Is this the future we want to leave behind for our successors? Take institutionalized animal cruelty, environmental destruction, diseases and cancer, world hunger, pandemics, and more suffering off the menu, out of your wardrobe, out of your lifestyle. Live Vegan.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: This motion is nothing more than out-of-town animal extremists groups trying to ban charreadas in Los Angeles in the name of animal welfare. UNESCO has included the Charrería, the equestrian tradition in Mexico on the Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity. Why can't the City Council recognize and respect the cultural heritage and collective identity of the Mexican people who live in Los Angeles. Given the large presence of charro communities within the City, the Council should reach out to and include these groups in a dialogue regarding the proposed ordinance in order to promote respect for cultural diversity in the City of Los Angeles.

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Name: Jamie York
Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 10:48 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I support this measure to improve the lives of animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Leslie Miller

Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 09:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Hello Members of the L.A. City Council, Please support the Los Angeles rodeo ban. L.A. has been an amazing advocate for animals and the rodeo ban will be another move to make Los Angeles a more compassionate city. Thank you for your time and your vote, Leslie Miller Long Beach, California

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Name: Anthony Bartkowski
Date Submitted: 02/23/2021 11:23 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members. I'm embarrassed that public comment was limited and 20-1575 was passed onto the City Attorney to be drafted into an ordinance. We formally ask for a time to meet with council members to debunk the numerous myths that are outlined in this proposal. Please also consider your vote as this drastically reduces economic impact in your community with the abolishment of all horse related events. You have ultimately reduced taxes in your communities. Rodeo continues to preserve the American cowboy and Mexican charro heritage. As you well know, Hispanic culture is very strong in LA with over 80% of the population. We sanction nearly 30 rodeos throughout the state of California. These 30 rodeos also provide charitable support to non-profit organizations annually. You hastily approved an animal activist measure riddled with myth and fallacies. We continue to inform and educate our public on the many positives of rodeo, especially now during a global pandemic. Your actions jeopardize a family entertainment experience that is affordable and one of the few entertainment opportunities available presently. We ask that you re-consider your position and allows us to tell the many benefits of rodeo and our overall care and treatment of rodeo livestock. The PRCA is the universal leader in humane care to all rodeo livestock. We have over 60 rules that are enforced for the safety of the contestant and livestock. Injuries do happen, just like any football or other sporting event. We have maintained a 99.9% safety rating in all rodeo performances for the last three years. We continue to evaluate all injuries to lead to governing and administering the sport for the continued safety in and around the rodeo arena. In closing, we ask for a formal meeting in regards to how rodeo is administered throughout the United States. I look forward to hearing from you and/or your designated members. Respectfully submitted, Anthony Bartkowski Director, Athlete Development & Welfare Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association