

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/01/2022 04:13 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Save the rodeo!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Emily Atephan  
**Date Submitted:** 03/01/2022 06:07 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not allow the western lifestyle that is encompassed by rodeo to go unsupported. Please do not ban rodeo.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/01/2022 09:07 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeo! It's a family sport and we love and take great care of our livestock.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kathleen Smart  
**Date Submitted:** 03/01/2022 09:27 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575  
**Comments for Public Posting:** AGAINST the proposed ban on Rodeo, Bull Riding, Charrería and all Equestrian Events- or write something like that to get our message across

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/01/2022 10:05 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Please oppose LA County ban 20-1575 on equestrian competition activities. Outdoor activities are essential for health, and especially provide an outlet in today's pandemic times. Horses have a history in the Southwest, and has been carried on for family generations. Equine and other animal (e.g. bovine welfare in rodeo) well-being are strictly evaluated and monitored by ring stewards--the animals do not suffer. Furthermore, equine hippo therapy for the handicapped has been recognized as an incredible therapy for the physically disabled and mentally challenged--e.g. autistic patients. Any ban on equestrian activities could adversely affect these life saving programs.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Kearney and Leslie Martins

**Date Submitted:** 03/01/2022 09:43 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** There are already laws in place regarding rodeo equipment and usage in California. 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, and sharp spurs are prohibited and locked spurs are prohibited in saddle bronc and bareback events. We take great pride in our rodeo livestock. Our animals are often worth thousands of dollars and are bred for their job as a rodeo athlete. 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 rider is threatened. No one involved in Rodeo or the western industry was consulted by the Los Angeles City Council before they pushed the drafting of the ordinance forward. At least take the opportunity to educate yourselves about the equipment and usage before passing an ordinance. There are a number of businesses that count on the 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.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Roland Davis

**Date Submitted:** 03/01/2022 09:55 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Absolutely 100% against banning Rodeo in California. As a business owner, Horse Owner and fan of the western lifestyle to act in such a manner is opposite of the foundation of our country. California is looked upon as a beacon and to suggest a ban on equestrian related sports and past times is absurd. Please vote down this ban and return to our roots. The western lifestyle so our children, your children and all our children's children may understand the foundation of this country and especially the manner in which the west was built.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/01/2022 11:11 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a member of the LA County equestrian community for 12 years, and an individual deeply rooted in science, I urge you to pass the proposed ban on charrería and rodeo events that use inhumane equipment and training devices. Many members of the public may enjoy these events as entertainment that honors the tradition of western heritage, but any ethologist or equine behaviorist will tell you that these inhumane tools are physically and psychologically damaging to animal participants. It would be wise to listen to professionals with an extensive education on animal behavior and physiology versus those who simply enjoy the sport with no relevant academic background or lens to view it from.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mrs. Pearce

**Date Submitted:** 03/01/2022 05:18 AM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am asking that the sport of Rodeo continue as is without interruption. This is our heritage and way of life for so many. Cowboys and cowgirls from all over this nation put their animals best interest first at all times. So many times our horses get medications and supplements while we go without. They are seen by the vets while we diagnose and treat ourselves from Google because we can't afford a doctor. These animals are being hauled around in 100k rigs with heating and cooling fans. We put on a show for the public to see. The equipment used is top of the line. The main point is also that these horses love their jobs! They crave it and carry themselves in a manner of pride. They are 1100 pounds. If they wanted not to participate nothing a human could do to make them. Injuries to humans occur everyday when a horse wants to be an unwilling participant. They don't need anyone's help when telling someone" no " they don't want to do it. When that happens, they are found another job that they like or they are turned out .

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Brandon Martin  
**Date Submitted:** 03/01/2022 06:19 AM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** I don't agree with removing rodeo. Especially in California, with such a deep history of rodeo in the state.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Ryan  
**Date Submitted:** 03/01/2022 12:28 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not ban rodeo