

Communication from Public

Name: Bill Fell

Date Submitted: 03/07/2022 02:33 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I oppose proposed Ordinance 53.39.2 banning rodeos in Los Angeles. The ordinance is based on false & unproven allegations by animal rights extremists that flank straps, ropes & spurs cause suffering to horses, bulls & steers. Animal rights extremists historically misrepresent the effect flank straps have on horses. There is no evidence they harm or cause suffering to horses. Ropes or lassos historically have been used to eliminate injury to cattle & Rodeo Associations contain regulations to further protect cattle in Rodeo events. Unless Los Angeles is only discriminating against Rodeos, these ordinances will invariably be extended to other equestrian events outside Los Angeles city limits such as Will Rogers State Park Polo events, Los Angeles Equestrian Center events & Tournament of Roses Parade, all events where spurs are extensively used. Spurs, like many tools can be abused. Rodeo Associations contain regulations to prevent abuse of spurs. Which City Council members or City Staff will be attending all Los Angeles equestrian events to ensure spurs are not being abused? Picture yourself in front of a judge in an enforcement action arguing spurs were abusing a horse. It will be impossible to enforce. While most of your constituents are not involved in Rodeo or equestrian events, potential passage of these Ordinances has awakened the \$122 billion nationwide Western Industry. That industry plus the large, medium & small cities & towns across the US that host & profit from Rodeos & thousands of non-profits & charities that benefit from millions of dollars contributed by Rodeos are being THREATENED by this Ordinance. Do not underestimate their ability to fight & retaliate against Los Angeles. Los Angeles should carefully consider the consequences of adopting this ordinance & not pass it.

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Name: KEVIN

Date Submitted: 03/07/2022 05:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please feel free to come out and see first hand the care cowboys and ranchers treat the livestock. My animals get top feed and Vetranarian care before I do. Leave rodeo alone when you don't understand it

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Name: Laurie Blick

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is an American tradition, deeply entrenched in our country's history, and should not be banned. Rodeo contractors and athletes' livelihood depend on the good health and well being of their livestock. The majority involved take better care of their animals than themselves, and there are strict rules and guidelines in place at events to ensure their safety.

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Name: Linda Elder

Date Submitted: 03/07/2022 09:21 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a "horse person" I am asking that you DONOT ban rodeo from Los Angeles. I have horses and participate in horse related activities such as riding and driving. The horse industry contributes a large amount of money to the economics of the state as well as Los Angeles. If you start by banning Rodeo when will you begin to ban all other horse sports?

CA Horse Industry Economics

Total value to economy	\$8.3 billion
Total employment impact	115,474 jobs
Direct contribution to GDP	\$4.3 billion
Number horses	698,468
Equine spending	\$13.3 billion
Horse enthusiasts	4.2 billion (30.5% of state)
Acres of land for horse related purposes	1.4 million

Competition:

Total economic impact	\$2.25 billion
Jobs	22,176
Added value to State economy	\$1.4 billion

Recreation:

Total economic impact	\$2,45 billion
Jobs	23,447
Added value to State economy	\$1.56 billion

Racing:

Total economic impact	\$2.47 billion
Jobs	17,798
Added value to State economy	\$1.56 billion

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Name: Bre Lemond

Date Submitted: 03/07/2022 10:30 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the City Council members: Concerning the Rodeo ban you are considering, I would like to say I am a 71 year old great-grandmother of 15. I am a team roper. My husband is 79 and he also ropes. He has been going to rodeos for 6 decades. There is no other sport where we could compete like we get to do now. How many sports can you say that of? I can testify that kids raised in the rodeo arena learn respect, integrity, hard work, how to win and how to lose with grace, how to make and keep long time friends and so much more. Concerning our animals we all know how to take care of our animals with life long care. Just this summer my husbands old calf horse passed away at 35 years of age. I would adventure to say there's not even a kid in the rodeo world that couldn't tell you how they take good care of their animals. How many of the people calling for a ban on rodeo even have animals? Have you ask them? Just wondering.... Cause we love ours. Rodeo is cowboys, ranchers, farmers, truck drivers, veterans, grandpa's, grandmothers, kids, accountants, doctors, nurses, welders, cooks, veterinarians, business owners, teachers....You name it. We come from all occupations. If you want to learn about rodeo I respectfully ask you to speak to a Rodeo committee President in your area or call the PCRA. They can help with the true facts concerning rodeo. It's been a part of the American fabric for a long time and a huge part of our and our family and many friends lives. Please consider my request that you not ban Rodeo. Thank you for your time. Respectfully, Bre Lemond

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Name: EB

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Comments for Public Posting: The letter submitted by Mr Dale Gibson covers well the collective equestrian views on the need to communicate more accurate details on the livestock culture and related humanitarian details regarding their treatment over the millennia. As a horse owner and trainer for over 50 years, to have a ruling made on a specific subject on this issue without any peer review or appropriate discussion with the ACTUAL horse community is nothing short of unethical. To provide real FACTS and data on the horse culture and industry is ground zero in the process of moving forward on any rulings. Without that, the whole proposal should be thrown out as irrelevant.

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Name: Raymond Drasher

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Comments for Public Posting: I am opposed to this ban on rodeo and equestrian events in the city. There is no reason for this ban since all these events have to be approved by you anyway and that should show if there are bad events happening. Just another way for the city to get rid of equestrians in the city even though it is a large number that is generated in sales in the city.

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Name: Sean McRoberts

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo and the western lifestyle has been a way of life for many years. It would be a shame to see it come to an end, the animals that are used for rodeo are taken care of better than most people's pets. I wish the people behind this would educate themselves on the animals

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Name: JeanD

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed ban is not based on accurate information. Spurs and tie downs do not torture the animals. There should not be a blanket ban on events, that is an open ended way to pave the way to banning all equine activity. This ban would also be a large economic blow to Los Angeles. I am a resident of Los Angeles and a horse owner, and I am against the proposed ban.

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Comments for Public Posting: I do not think that city leaders that know nothing about the country and rural lifestyle has the right to stop our sports. I notice they never want to stop baseball, football, or hockey. There's no difference, Rodeo is an American sport that started before any of these other sports. The safety and welfare of animal and human are taken very seriously. Please don't try and destroy our way of life.

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Name: michael
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Comments for Public Posting: Not all equestrian event bad.