

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 07:32 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** With over 60 animal welfare rules, countless vets and livestock caretakers, rodeo has become one of the most ethical sports involving animals. Great pride is taken in the care and condition of all livestock involved, and the average animal works no more than 8 minutes total every year. If rodeo were to be banned in LA, one would be severing ties to our important western heritage and traditions. This would cascade into the loss of culture, livestock, and have economic implications to surrounding communities. Please do not approve this ban!

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo's adhere to animal welfare guidelines proven to benefit the animals over all health. If you have not worked with stock animals you do know that they thrive in work and good treatment just the way humans do. If your a city person with no stick experience do not make decisions for those that do know from first hand experience. Allow the rodeo traditions to continue.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** JODI TUFT

**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 07:46 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo people take better care of their animals than pretty much any animal 'activist' there is. To encourage animals ownership and knowledge, rodeo brings some attention to those who otherwise have no interaction with these big animals! Rodeo is not bad! Ignorance is!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Karyn Stevens

**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 08:02 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I've been involved with rodeo and stock horses for the past 35 years. I know of no other animals as well cared for as the bucking bulls, saddle broncs, roping steers and livestock involved in rodeo. They are specifically bred to do their jobs and actually love it. They are worth 5 and 6 figure thousands of dollars and treated extremely well. Rodeo and horse shows are patriotic, family friendly, wholesome competitions that teach children valuable life lessons and skills and provide jobs for contestants, trainers, stock contractors, show producers, livestock haulers, breeders, food vendors, clothing and gear manufacturers and many more. Rodeo is part of American history and culture that provides nothing but good for the animals, spectators, and contestants. Rodeo, horse shows, and livestock events should be honored and promoted as one of the finest events in America. If the animal activists that think Spurs, bucking straps, cattle prods, etc are cruel, I'd beg them to come see how the equipment is used and how well the livestock are treated. These animals love their jobs. They are athletes bred for specific tasks with a natural instinct to run, to buck, to cut, to rope. There is absolutely nothing cruel or inhumane about rodeo in any way, shape, or form. The animals are protected and revered. Anyone who has a dog bred for a specific task, say for example an Australian Shepard knows they automatically herd things, kids if they are a family dog, chickens, ducks, birds, whatever they can find. They are lethargic and depressed when not able to do what they are bred to do. This is what a bucking bull or a bronc horse is like. They are performers that love their work and how well they are cared for. A bull works 8 seconds per performance and eats, and sleeps in premium conditions the rest of the day. They live a very great life, if only people really knew. But sadly, we live in a world of people who do not know much but make quick decisions that are more detrimental to the animals they think they are protecting. I pray this is dropped and rodeo continues in Los Angeles.

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please do not allow the animal rights activists to remove rodeos and rodeo-like events from your city. These animals are exceptionally well taken care of, and the animal rights activist will pick out the one percent of bad, and try to make it look like the entire industry is bad. That is simply not the truth. There is bad and good in everything in life.

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**Name:** Aexandra Toledo  
**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 08:07 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please don't ban rodeos. They are a tradition that is valuable to our nation. Many young people dedicate time and energy to making them possible! Please don't pass this ban!

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 08:09 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing in opposition to the rodeo ban. Please do not allow animals rights fanatics to continue to destroy the human- animal bond and remove animals from our lives. They see cruelty in almost any human animal interaction, and have succeeded in passing many terrible laws. Thank you.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Linda

**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 08:09 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** PLEASE do NOT take away any more family events! Sanctioned rodeo events are a great family event. Anyone ignorant enough to complain it is hard on the animals, are just that, ignorant! The animals are taken the utmost care of. They are important pieces to a business. They work, (for less than 3 minutes) and go back to eating in their homes. They are hurt, and can not work, they are costing the business money. It is in the business best interest to maintain those animals. And a well taken care animal will perform at their peak. At their peak, they make more money! Please do not remove any more family events! Has there not been enough taken away from the citizens of Los Angeles and neighboring communities? Please do not remove any more family events.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Audrey

**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 08:15 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I am writing to express my concern and opposition to the ban on rodeos and other livestock events. I grew up in the rodeo and livestock lifestyle. These animals have better care than most household pets. They are truly loved and looked after. My horses experience better care than I give myself. They have doctors, chiropractors, dentists, and manicures every 6 weeks. Their hay is tested and measured to ensure the correct minerals are provided. These animals are part of our families and treasured. To take away part of our western heritage is unspeakable. What's next, no trained animals in the Hollywood movies? I implore you to keep the western heritage alive on the west coast.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lorie

**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 08:21 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I STRONGLY oppose this!!! Rodeo is the only sport that still sings the National Anthem, has prayer and salutes the flag. At ALL levels of the sport! Rodeo animals are very well taken care of. You won't find more decent, kind, caring people than cowboys (and girls). Maybe these "people" who want to ban it should go help the homeless, or clean up the streets. Leave rodeo alone!!!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** LOLA WHITFORD

**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 08:24 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Why would you want to ban rodeos, they are part of our history besides being a large source of revenue. The animals are very valuable and extremely well cared for. They are doing a job they love. Peta is not concerned with the animals welfare, only their own agenda. Give them an inch and your pets will be next.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** J Golden

**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 08:31 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I would like to take a moment to ask that the proposed ban on rodeo events not be supported as an overall & complete ban on rodeo & animal exhibitions. So often people in urban areas, children in particular, have no opportunity to experience first hand these wonderful animals to develop an appreciation for them. Children who are allowed to develop connections with animals become more compassionate & caring of all life, it would be a disservice to deny them the opportunity to do so. Rodeo & animal exhibitions carry a responsibility of proper, humane treatment of the animals in their care. As such it should be expected high quality veterinary caretakers, proper feed, housing & transportation be provided. Animal care professionals within the industry could easily be consulted to ensure companies in the business of providing animals for these events care for them to these high standards & at that time if found lacking in proper reasonable care should be individually addressed. Rodeos in particular already have in place rules & guidelines for proper treatment of the animals & severe penalties against those who do not adhere to them. Banning these events entirely will close the only opportunity for many to see for themselves how to respect animals, how to work with animals & how important & beautiful the bond between human & animals can be.

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**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge the city council to oppose the ordinance concerning the ban on rodeos. It could destroy a life style and livelihood for many residents of California. The livestock used, receives outstanding care and as a horse enthusiast myself, would not endanger the lives of there horses for a competition. Some of the language proposed could affect the whole industry and potentially carry over to dog enthusiast, 4H and any other animal related organizations. So I please consider the larger picture. Thank you  
Linda Sherman.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Scott Dorenkamp  
**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 09:16 PM  
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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please ask the actual experts and not the activists before you vote on this.

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**Name:** Deanna Newcomb

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I ask that the proposed ban on rodeo events not be supported in the county of Los Angeles, CA. Owners of livestock whether participating in competition or just as a hobby care deeply about the animals they have and are generally fully aware of the welfare aspects of animals in their care. Children that are given the opportunity to work with animals and care and show them, and yes even auction them for food, learn responsibility not only for their animals but in life in general. Along with this is hardship and sadness that ensures that they will be compassionate and responsible adults. For those that own livestock and participate in competitive events including rodeo ensure that the animals in their charge are given the best of care, are well fed and provided veterinary treatments as needed. Unhealthy animals will not perform to the best of their abilities and livestock contractors cannot afford to have sick and unhealthy animals that are not able to compete. There is nothing cruel or inhumane that is done to get animals to perform. There are also many regulations both on the local and national levels, including the AWA, that ensure that animals are treated humanely and there are dedicated personnel (e.g., USDA) that perform inspections to monitor treatment of animals at competitive events..

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**Name:** Jill Haston

**Date Submitted:** 03/10/2021 09:48 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Please Dont Shut Down Rodeos. My Family along with many others gathered annually ar the Red Bluff Roundup Rodeos & created some of our fondest memories. And, we watched & learned of the Awesomeness of the Beautiful & Amazing Animals that we may never have had a chance to see ir realize without the Rodeo. Although I grew up on a small farm where care for our animals ALWAYS came first - they ate before we ate - seeing horses & cattle in their full potential at a Rodeo has been a joy to the many of us Rodeo goers. And, by being from a farm family I know caring for animals is laborious but necessary & rewarding. Yet Rodeo animals are even more tended to as their owners tend to their animals needs as a Labor of Love. Most casual viewers of Rodeos cannot comprehend the behind the scenes utmost superb care that the Rodeo participants shower upon their animals as they - the participant & the animal relies upon each other. Rodeo animals are highly skilled & trained, unlike wild or pastured animals, bc they are close companions with their owners. EVERY horse owner that I personally know Truly LOVES Their horse & would NEVER put them at risk. PLEASE Save The Rodeos.  
Sincerely, Jill



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Lisa Lazarus

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo events are anything but cruelty to the animals used for such events. If anything everyone in the horse industry, including the rodeo event industry do more to treat the animals properly and with the utmost care than most dog owners. Livestock take a tremendous amount of attention. It would in no way benefit those involved in events such as these to harm or create conditions which would cause the means to their livelihoods to not be able to perform at their best. If you have ever felt leather, you are probably feeling cowhide. It's tough. It's thick. You cannot pierce it with the strongest needle. The same goes for horsehide. The use of spurs does not harm the animals. The animal feels no more than a tickle. The same applies to bucking cinches. It is not hurting the horse or bull but is simply an aide used to let the animal know it is time to do what they were trained to do. Horses buck naturally. Often times just to play or let off a little energy. Sometimes they buck because they don't understand what the rider is intending? Sometimes they buck just to let you know whose boss. Events such as calf-roping or bulldogging are simply recreations of what must be done on a ranch to sort and capture cattle. It's nearly impossible to ask a steer to come to you let alone hold still for proper care. Again, a rancher would never want to injure his livestock because that animal is worth money. So it is with the livestock in the rodeo arena. Those cattle are worth a lot of money. Many are specially bred and picked for these events. Again, should one become injured due to being in a rodeo event, that is costly not only to the animal but to the livestock owner. It is the last thing anyone wants. Banning rodeos is absurd. Not only are they a symbol of the American West and our heritage, but they help young people learn respect and responsibility by watching how well the exhibitors take care of their stock and by their participation in many of the events themselves. Animal rights activists need to participate in these events not just condemn them. They need to own a horse and learn what goes into their care. They need to visit a ranch that raises bulls for rodeo events...bulls that I might add sell for hundreds of thousands of dollars....not something anyone would want to harm. When these people who propose these bans have been there and done it, then let them come forward with experience and honesty before they complain or try to ban something they know nothing about. One of my

fondest memories took place at a small Fourth of July rodeo in Interior, South Dakota. It started with two sisters, one of which was disabled riding in with the American Flag. That was followed with the announcement that all Veterans stand so that we might salute them. One of my most favorite photos I have ever taken was taken at this rodeo. It is of a small blonde headed boy of maybe 6 years, wearing his Wranglers, boots, and cowboy hat...and proudly carrying the American flag. This is what rodeos make us. This is what we must preserve for this young man and his children to come. Please do not ban rodeos in Los Angeles and California.