

Communication from Public

Name: Bill

Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 09:00 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: My family and I have participated in many programs that involved animals . Rodeos , dog shows of various kinds and especially love the beautiful horses in the Rose parades. That is just a beautiful part of life! Thank you ! Bill Sossamon.

Communication from Public

Name: Jane Marsh

Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 05:07 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the City Council in its request that an ordinance be drafted and enacted to further the interest of animal welfare at rodeo and rodeo-related events in the City. I fully support any and all measures to prohibit the use of any device, practice or technique on animals to induce or encourage them to perform or maneuver at all rodeo or rodeo-related or rodeo-type events in the City of Los Angeles. Such devices, practices or techniques include, but are not limited to the use of electric prods or shocking devices, flank or bucking straps, wire tie downs, and sharpened or fixed spurs or rowels, and any mechanical, electrical, or manual device that will cause, or is likely to cause physical injury, torment or suffering in an animal - or in a human, for that matter. This is not about barring "tradition" or "a way of life" as the opposition will claim. This is not about "animal rights activists" who "want to destroy a way of life." This is about creating a more humane world. Thank you for your efforts. I hope with all my heart that this ordinance is enacted.

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Name: Art crawford
Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 06:38 PM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Keep rodeo

Communication from Public

Name: Brack Lee

Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 07:02 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: God gave us dominion over all other creatures on earth. We live on a planet that has a cycle of life and a natural food chain. We were meant to interact with and find animals that would help meet human needs. Domestic animals both serve and meet human needs. No matter how they are used, they provide food, clothing, health products, transportation and enjoyment for the twisted masses of humanity. In return, the good keepers of these animals give them a relatively stress free and productive life with the veterinary care, always available food and water and shelter. Let me put you out in the wild with no protection from weather, possible scarce food and water sources, natural disasters, and predators! See how you like it and realize that you likely will not live near as long as your like species. Sheperds of animals give them better care because they depend on them. Yes, there are always bad apples in every barrel but maybe you should do your homework and find that many of them are in this woke counter culture trying to twist things for their agenda and personal gain!! History and tradition and interacting with domestic animals should be embraced and shared with all these city folks who think everything in life comes from the grocery store and their computer! If you stoop to these demands just to appease your so called constituents you do not deserve to serve as a council person and one day will answer to a higher power.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 03:03 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: No one takes better care of their livestock than a rodeo producer!
Please don't listen to animal rights activists they really don't understand! Not a sport more true than a good rodeo I promise!
Thanks ??

Communication from Public

Name: Margot Rettieg

Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 03:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear LA Council Members: I am writing to you regarding the ordinance you requested the Los Angeles City Attorney to write that pertains to rodeos and rodeo type events. Are you aware that Animal rights activists whose ultimate goal is to eliminate all animal use, not animal abuse, manufactured the initial action to have this ordinance written by the city attorney? If you will investigate, I believe you will discover that many of these people are vegan extremists who dream to free all animals from ownership, this includes pet dogs and cats. They plan to stop ALL animal use in agriculture. This is just an incremental step in that direction. These groups use social media ads with emotional photos and rhetoric to manipulate public opinion. They ignore actual facts about animals as well as current animal welfare standards that are being practiced by all animal industries. Common sense would dictate that any animal welfare concerns you as a public body have about rodeo or any animal-type events should be conducted by experts in the rodeo, animal profession and animal welfare field with input from independent large-animal veterinarians and then be considered by you for proper action. Not some laissez-faire, copy cat ordinance from another state. Please don't be a political pawn of a ideological group that's planning the downfall of American Agriculture. Thank you, Margot Rettieg

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Name:

Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 10:19 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a rodeo advocate, there are a lot of incorrect things in this.

- Rodeo associations have rules about types of rowels used on spurs. They must be blunt and short.
- a veterinary professional must be present to ensure health of animals at all events.
- bucking stock is bred and trained to buck. The flank strap enhances this, and for horses must be lined with neoprene or wool and no sharp objects are allowed. For bulls it's a cotton rope. It's no different than placing a cinch around their rib cages, except it's on their flanks which helps signal them to buck. The straps also must have quick releases, and veterinarians have testified that this causes no harm to animals.
- cattle prods are an effective and safe tool. PRCA rules require that the prod be used as little as possible and that the animal be touched only on the hip or shoulder area. It is powered by low amperage batteries. I wish more people would ask questions before making demands. If it were up to these animal rights activists in Los Angeles city council, and all over, there would be no use of animals of any kind- including having pets. To learn more about prca animal welfare, go to <https://www.prorodeo.com/prorodeo/livestock/rodeo-equipment>

Communication from Public

Name: angela shubert

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 12:25 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I have no idea why council and the town would cut their nose off despite their face. Banning a money making industry for your town is ludicraous. No animals are harmed, it is a legal entity. It is shameful that a town would allow people who discriminate against another to flourish. Banning something just cause another doesn't like it is not only allowing bullying and discrimination but is unAmerican. Please don't ban these lovely events. They are a part of American history and educate children to become future farmers. Without farmers you have NO food. It only harms the children. Think about it.

Communication from Public

Name: Amy Hannah

Date Submitted: 03/12/2021 06:57 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To those that want to ban Rodeo. The animals used in rodeo are not abused! The bucking stock actually like to buck. You can't make a horse or bull buck if they don't want to. The stock contractors take better care of the rodeo stock than most pet owners. They have to it's their livelihood. Rodeo is a huge part of American history! Keep rodeo alive!!

Communication from Public

Name: Bob Siebuhr
Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 12:36 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: I am a horse lover but have lost the use of my legs to ride anymore.

Communication from Public

Name: Wesley S
Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 08:04 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
Comments for Public Posting: Don't let another good thing get away from us. This is American, this is tradition.

Communication from Public

Name: JIM W SHARP
Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 09:56 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am addressing the Council to request that they NOT take any steps to eliminate horse-related events in the County. The sponsors of these bills use out-dated and overtly false statistics and data to make their misguided case to eliminate animal ownership of any type or kind. I would respectfully request that the Council actively seek testimony from those affected such as horse breeders, trainers, and owners, as to the veracity of the claims being made and the potential impact to an animal industry which is TEN TIMES as large as the NFL (per Western Justice. info) as to economic impact. Decisions such as those desired by 'animal rights' activists, would be far-reaching and have tremendous adverse economic impact to Los Angeles County. Anti-agricultural campaigns such as this would have the long-term effect of limiting or eliminating the chain of food producers and equine enthusiasts who founded the economy of Western America. Please survey the numbers of horse owners within the County for their inputs and opinions as well, as they represent a serious number of voters as well. Thank you for allowing this input, and for the serious consideration of the viewpoint presented.

Communication from Public

Name: Paula Germain

Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 10:02 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I support Rodeo and equestrian sports and activities. I have seen it all first hand (I have a BS in Animal Science and an MS in Agricultural Education from Cal Poly Pomona- 91)and rodeo livestock and horses are treated better (with both feed and veterinary care) than most people's household pets! Large animals are expensive to purchase and maintain as well as being labor intensive. Owners have a lot of time, sweat and money invested in their livestock. There are a lot of falsehoods out there, especially from those that have no education in animal science or livestock experience. I've seen it over and over at show, rodeos, fairs when asking protesters about their background or education, they DON'T HAVE any related to livestock. Please educate yourself (go talk to rodeo livestock owners, go talk to veterinarians, go talk to horse owners at LA equestrian center) DO NOT buy into the false propaganda those that DON'T KNOW like to spread!

Communication from Public

Name: Last Cowboy

Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 12:05 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: The Global Elite and the Bureaucracy that advises them are Happy that CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY'S Gain of Function Technology in Weaponizing Viruses will be how they accomplish the goal of depopulating earth !!!!!
<https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/14326339/covid-outbreak-maybe-bioweapons-research-accident-state-dept-investigator/>
<https://www.foxnews.com/world/china-collecting-worlds-dna-sinister> THIS link will make you SCREAM ASSHOLES !!!!!
<https://pandemic.warroom.org/2021/03/13/china-is-developing-civilization-killer-viruses-chang/> THIS will be the END of HUMANITY if these Bio-4 Labs are not Routinely Inspected like Nuclear Facilities !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
<https://www.defenseone.com/ideas/2019/08/chinas-military-pursuing-biotech/159167/> These links of Top Biologists who advise the Globalist Government Officials from Bush and Obama administrations show the THINKING and WHY they will look the other way on Controlling Bio-level 4 Labs . Nina Fedoroff and Paul Ehrlich are 2 top Biologists who have advised Bush and Obama administrations about Global over population due to food and Environmental issues , so you can see why the Elitists are seeing this weaponization of Viruses as KEY to their goals of depopulation and will look the other way as the Chinese Communist party continues to develop more and MORE potent Pathogens !!!! THIS IS WHY WE MUST DEMAND BIO Labs be treated like we INSPECT Nuclear Weapons facilities !!!!!!!!!!! Here Adviser to Bush and Obama Biologist Nina Fedoroff shows you what Bureaucrats think , This is why Constitutional Principles are being Ignored !!!!!
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/science/nature/7974995.stm> Nina Fedoroff talking about Food Riots and Environmental crises do to overpopulation concerns , <https://youtu.be/fqJAeReFr8I> Biologist Paul Ehrlich who advised Obama and His Thinking , <https://independentaustralia.net/environment/environment-display/the-world-is-doomed-according-to-paul-ehrllich,12617> Heres a "Oh gee Sorry " way to Keep thinning the herd that I bet NOTHING will be done about !!!!
<https://www.albawaba.com/news/pfizer-vaccine-safe-1415984> You can see HOW and WHY the Goal of the Globalists is now the GREATEST Challenge for Humanity because THEY THINK there are TOO MANY PEOPLE ON THEIR EARTH !!!!

Communication from Public

Name: Michelle Setaro
Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 12:35 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: End rodeos, please. Animal abuse is not entertainment. Please help the animals, not the abusers.

Communication from Public

Name: Timothy L. Norris
Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 12:47 PM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Los Angeles City Council Members: Pubic comment is the best way to ensure that the general public, other than lobbyist groups, have an opportunity to provide our opinions on Concil Decisions that affect all of us. Thank you for taking the time to read our public comment. We are writing to you in regards to the ordinance language you requested the Los Angeles City Attorney to write which pertains to rodeos and rodeo type events. The items listed in the motion for ordinance language (electric cattle prods, sharpened spurs, wire tie-downs, and flank straps) when and if they are used in a rodeo, are already carefully regulated and monitored by industry professionals. In short, if it ain't broke...don't fix it. There are many broken things that need your attention. The initial action to have this ordinance written by the city attorney was presented and urged by animal rights activists, who are against ALL animal use. These extremists are working to ban all animal ownership including pets and animal agriculture, and this is just another step of incrementalism in their plan. These groups use emotional rhetoric to manipulate public opinion. They purposefully ignore facts and current animal welfare standards. If there are concerns about rodeo and rodeo-type events consultations should be conducted with actual experts in rodeo, animal welfare, and from independent large-animal veterinarians and then strongly considered. We urge you to take into account the track record of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA). The PRCA has had animal welfare rules in place since 1947 and currently have over 70 rules protecting the livestock used in currently sanctioned rodeos. The PRCA has also had a 99.9% safety rating for the past 4 years. We are asking the Los Angeles City Council to look at this issue from the side of animal welfare and our western heritage, not the incorrect ideology of animal rights. We urge you to consult with true subject matter experts on this issue before you vote to approve ordinance language that will impact a large sector of your constituents. Rodeo is traditional display of skills and bravery. These skills are used in ranching today. Even the name rodeo means gathering in Spanish from whom we learned our cowboy skills. When we gather cattle in spring and fall, it is quite normal for men to identify, admire, praise, and respect those who have developed the bravery, heart, and try necessary to develop those skills and be

better at them than the other ranch hands in the area. At the modern rodeo, one doesn't see all of the attempts, falls, and bruises one incurs with developing those skills. Most importantly they do not see the heart and bravery necessary to overcome one's pain, dust oneself off, and try to be better. These traits seem to be missing in a lot of today's youth. But the desire to be inspired is evidenced in the large crowds that rodeos attract. We do not intentionally hurt livestock. These animals are the means of our living and survival. They are big and tough and it is similar to a father playing with one's children on the living room floor as they ride and wrestle with the "big guy". They ride and kick and punch but their small size and low strength by comparison to the father causes no harm. On the other hand, following the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania ordinance as the city attorney was directed to do would effectively ban all animal exhibitions including dog shows, horse shows, 4H and FFA projects in the city. The banning of the equipment listed would also effectively ban rodeo and other animal exhibition forms from Los Angeles. This in turn would create an economic void for event vendors, exhibitors, competitors, and the community. Thank you for your time,
Timothy L. Norris

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Name: Marguerite Easley
Date Submitted: 03/14/2021 02:16 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Honorable Council Members. As a long time animal rescue member, former teenage rodeo contestant, 4-H mother and 4-H Leader for other children, I can attest to the importance of horse shows and our American and Mexican rodeos for today's children. In today's schools environment everyone gets a star, our children then only learn entitlement, not motivation. At 4-H livestock & horse shows they learn motivation because you have to work hard to get that blue ribbon. What can our young men and women learn from rodeos? Rodeos teach them the value of compassion for creatures and their fellow human beings. They learn the value of teamwork in roping & steer wrestling. Young women are empowered by controlling 1000 lbs of horse flesh flying around barrels or racing through poles. Young men face and overcome their fear in the bull and bronc riding. Where else can a young man safely test his mettle in today's society? Animal rights groups have emotionally exploited the public by using social media through manipulative ads with photos of terrible abuse. Many times these photos are from other countries. Others, such as the one showing a sow with piglets in a grassy field are staged. If you raised pigs you could tell that. What about any actual photos of rodeo abuse? As the saying goes "Seeing is believing" but today, that doesn't necessarily hold true. Any of you could be caught in what might appear to be a compromised position if followed around long enough. Animals do things to themselves, no matter how carefully cared for. A horse someday will decide to try to jump out of the chute kick the gate or slip and fall. A bull will do the same or slam into a fence or gate. Sheep really have no problem carrying a lightweight kid on their back. Don't believe me, herd sheep for a month and try your hand at holding one down to medicate it. Animals, like humans, have choices and sometimes make the wrong move. I hope you will use your intelligence to make the correct move to vote this policy out the window. Thank you