

Communication from Public

Name: John Paul Donelson

Date Submitted: 03/15/2022 06:40 AM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Do not prevent rodeo or other equine related activities/competition. Every cowboy and cowgirl has a deep respect for horses and livestock. Rodeos provide many opportunities for different cultures and people to gather and observe the respectful western heritage.

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Name: J L Tenney

Date Submitted: 03/15/2022 11:40 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I am very concerned that about the proposed ordinance being put forward to amend section of 53.00 of the Los Angeles Municipal Code adding the a definition of "a Rodeo" and adding LAMC section 53.39.2. First: these ordinance changes are extremely broad and open to extreme interpretation that would be very harmful to the whole livestock industry which is a major tax base and income producing factor in CA. Second: The restrictions on "a Rodeo" described in the modification of section 53.00 are not in use. Mistreatment of animals is not accepted by rodeo and livestock event associations. As an example; under the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) existing Rodeo rules competitors & producers can be disqualified & prevented from competing for animal abuse or mistreatment. all associations follow similar rules as the PRCA in this area. third: The idea that an individual or producer would intentionally harm an animal that they have several thousands of dollars invested in does not really make since. In fact owners of the livestock expend huge sums of money purchasing items that protect them during competition as well as maintaining and caring for the animals so there is no incentive to mistreat them. The Idea that these animals are being mistreated general comes from lack of knowledge about the costs of maintenance & care for the animal so they are healthy and able to live a good life. Forth: Rodeo & livestock events are whole family oriented events that you see competitors competing from the age of 4 or 5 years old to over 80 years old. I have been in the livestock business my whole life so I am very familiar with it. We raised our 4 children competing in Jr rodeo, high school rodeo into professional rodeo. They began competing at the age of 5 & continue competing to this day. This activity has taught them responsibility, love of animals and the ability go out into the world & reach for success. So passing these ordinances will be doing a big disservice to a lot of people and the animals they maintain & care for that will have a much harsher life. J L Tenney

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Name: Kristi Marshall
Date Submitted: 03/15/2022 01:57 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop trying to destroy people's lives. This bill is designed to be the first step in the process of stopping anybody from owning animals. It is proven that having an animal reduces stress. PETA is not interested in animals other than making money and making pet ownership illegal. Stop the insanity, stop PETA!

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep the LA Rodeo. It provides education, jobs, and a family environment. Children love to see the animals and learn about them face to face. I have enjoyed going to the rodeo's and always have a nice time.

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Name: Michael J Williamson

Date Submitted: 03/15/2022 03:48 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban rodeos in Las Angeles. We must preserve our western heritage and culture and rodeo is a large part of that.

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Name: Barbara E Steever

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Comments for Public Posting: I'm opposed to any ordinance that would ban rodeo and similar events in LA. Even though I'm not a resident of Los Angeles, I am very concerned about the animal rights war on legal animal enterprises. A win for animal rights extremism in LA will affect the rest of the country, and is not good for animal welfare in the long term.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: Leave the rodeos and western events alone. People need to know about the west and the lifestyle. There is more to life than kids playing on their phones all day. Western kids have chores and mainly RESPECT for people and animals as well. Don't ruin the world more than it's already been done !!!

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Name: Andrew Davidson

Date Submitted: 03/15/2022 05:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo is such a huge part of our cultural heritage here in California, and it would be an absolute shame to lose it due to the well-intentioned but honestly uninformed opinions of those outside of the culture and ranching lifestyle. The animals in rodeo events are often much better taken care of and treated than animals raised for food or even our homeless or impoverished citizens. Rodeo grew out of the practices of Spanish ranchers and their vaqueros, a mixture of cattle wrangling and bullfighting that dates back to the sixteenth-century conquistadors, who brought the first horses to the Americas. It wasn't the Spanish conquistadors but the Mexican vaqueros who really created the charrería (or charreada), which is more of a team sport (of humans) than most modern rodeo events. The first kind of charreada events were ranch work competitions between haciendas beginning in the 17th and 18th centuries, but it was not until the Mexican Revolution that its full emergence occurred along with the charros. Heck, the working rodeo was so important in California that there was the Act to Regulate Rodeos in 1851 that required every stock farm to hold a rodeo every year to accommodate the separating of their respective cattle and horses. In terms of events: The Cala de Caballo is similar to today's reining horse competitions, and it is magnificent and does not hurt the horse. Instead of Colas en el lienzo or bullfighting or bull wrestling in the charreada, we have steer wrestling in rodeo, which is clearly much kinder to the animals and was actually started by an African American cowboy from Texas by the name of Bill Pickett, the first bulldogging cowboy. Jineteo is bullriding and is still a part of Western rodeo. The animals are bred and trained to buck using a flank strap which does not hurt the animal at all and a weight on the back that is electronically disengaged. Terna en el ruedo is team roping and is still a part of Western rodeo. The steer is roped just like it is done in everyday ranching operations for doctoring or branding/tagging. Jineteo de yegua is similar to bareback bronc riding. Again a flank strap is used that does not hurt the animal. I strongly urge you to drop any attempt to ban rodeo from our great state and city. The animals are well taken care of, and it is a huge part of both our history and our culture today.

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Name: Mary

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Comments for Public Posting: Thank you for considering the legislation concerning rodeos. Rodeos are cruel barbaric so-called sports in which animals suffer greatly. Please pass this legislation and if possible ban rodeos completely. Thank you, the animals thank you and many many thousands of people who care about animals thank you.

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Name: Kelsey Miller

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are a way of preserving history and act as an educational experience in reference to both history and proper animal care and handling. As a former 4H member I have witness the respect for animals and passion to educate others in proper care and animal handling along with why it is so important. Do not ban rodeos in their entirety.

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Name: Scott Currie

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Comments for Public Posting: PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW THIS ORDINANCE THAT BANS RODEO TO PASS. DO THE RESEARCH BEFORE YOU MAKE A DECISION. DO NOT LISTEN TO THE SELECT FEW THAT ARE WHINING. YOU WILL BE CRUSHING AN INDUSTRY AND PUTTING A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE OUT OF A JOB. DO YOU REALLY WANT THAT?

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Name: Sam Belote

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear City Counsel, This legislation is not needed. There are many animal welfare regulations on the books already. The city needs like focus it's energy on the important issues that we face like homeless needs, affordable housing, jobs, and climate change. Thanks you for your time, Sam Belote