

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Rob

**Date Submitted:** 03/16/2021 04:21 PM

**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** The elected officials are ignorant in these matters. They have probably never even visited a farm or ranch to see what it takes to work animals properly. No animal is mistreated or hurt intentionally at any rodeo event. This will completely deprive the younger generations from seeing a rodeo, and maybe making a career choice in farming/ranching/agriculture or as a large animal vet. It's really sad that such a family oriented event would be attached in this manner. Aren't things bad enough in LA already? Shouldn't you be spending your time and the public's resources more wisely? Rodeo is an awesome event, and you've already made so many poor decisions for your city, please don't make another one.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tonya Burchard  
**Date Submitted:** 03/16/2021 05:45 PM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** Sharing! It is important that EVERYONE takes the time to write to the City Council to stop the forward momentum to get the Sport of Rodeo banned... Here is the link and case # :  
[Cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment](http://Cityclerk.lacity.org/publiccomment) Council file 20-1575 My name is Tonya Burchard I am a native Californian, my family has been here for generations, and involved in the Agriculture industry. The Western Way of life is very important to every person in the Agricultural Industry, including every Rancher and Farmer...it is vital to our Food Supply that these types of bans and restrictions do not continue to restrict the ability to produce quality protein for our Country. If you ban rodeo, then you ban hauling livestock, then you ban being able to own livestock, then we lose the ability to feed our Country, and all of the other countries in the world, that the USA provides nourishing food. So stop these ridiculous bans on anything to do with handling livestock. Rodeo, Is more than just tradition, it is a lifestyle! The sport of Rodeo is the embodiment of the western lifestyle, it is a competition that developed from the skills needed to handle, and care for livestock. We all have great respect for every animal and we love and cherish our horses. The cattle are very important, and very valuable and very well cared for. Unfortunately; there are huge misconceptions about our sport, often pushed upon the public by very ignorant people. I invite you to go to a rodeo, go to a ranch...you will meet upstanding, polite people, that will show you respect, that show all of the animals respect, that abide by law and order and love our country. Instead of trying to destroy a sport and an industry; Perhaps your time, effort, energy and money, would be better spent trying to resolve actual issues; Such as the Homelessness Crisis, Opioid Addiction, Rampant Crime, Hungry Children, Our Crippled Education System, Disorganized Distribution of Covid Vaccines... Seriously, this is what City Council should be concerned with!!! Thank You for reading my Submission. Respectfully, Tonya Burchard

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jim Slaten

**Date Submitted:** 03/16/2021 02:08 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Dear Los Angeles City Council and City Attorney, The California Rodeo Salinas started over 110 years ago. It has been a source of pride and celebration in the community, ranked 10th out of over 600 professional rodeos in the US, and number one in California, effectively putting Salinas on the map. It's a celebration of western heritage and a community tradition that locals and fans both love and support each year. The California Rodeo Association donates over \$500,000 to local non-profits and rodeo causes each year through the hosting of annual events, use of our facility and other fundraising activities. This includes scholarships for furthering education, youth groups earning money for equipment, uniforms, travel and more, additional nonprofits in the community groups raising funds and more. The California Rodeo and the events during the week surrounding the four performances generates over \$11 million in economic impact in the City of Salinas and Monterey County. Restaurants, hotels, gas stations and many other businesses benefit from the California Rodeo Salinas and other events at the Salinas Sports Complex. This is the story of one rodeo while there are at least 40 in California who impact their communities in similar ways that could be negatively impacted should the Los Angeles City Council draft and adopt an ordinance that prohibits use of equipment necessary to hold the events. Locally, as it pertains to the LA City Council's constituents, 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. It would behoove the Los Angeles City Council to have the opinions of the rodeo and agriculture experts before making an uninformed decision. There are already laws in place regarding rodeo equipment and usage in California. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, which we are sanctioned by, 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. See California Penal Code 596.7. We take great pride in our rodeo livestock. Rodeo animals are often worth thousands of dollars and are bred for their job as a rodeo athlete. Flank straps are lined with fleece

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General Manager  
California Rodeo Salinas

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to seek actual facts about rodeos rather than relying on uninformed emotional animal rights activists to draft your resolution. Rodeos are safe and humane. Animal welfare is a top priority for everyone involved and the animals receive the best of care! Please put facts and real information ahead of the irrational rhetoric that these uneducated activists describe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paul Morales

**Date Submitted:** 03/16/2021 04:41 PM

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Good afternoon. I do NOT want rodeo banned from the city of Los Angeles. I was born and raised in Los Angeles County. I grew up with horses and still own one today. I know people who make their living as rodeo stock contractors. I also competed in rodeo events in the past. I can assure you from my own personal experience that the animals that participate in all rodeo events receive exceptional care. These animals are of great value and the owners not only value them in an economic sense but many stock contractors love these animals as if they were their own children. The idea that animals are abused in rodeo or other equine events is not true. People who are not familiar with the rodeo industry have no idea what they are talking about in regards to animals being abused in rodeo. Any rodeo stock contractor who was to observe one of the animals he/she owns being abused by someone would NOT tolerate it in the least! The history and culture of rodeo and other equine events runs deep in Los Angeles. From vaqueros and charros to the modern cowboy. The western life style, rodeo and equine events are part of our great history and culture that we can all share in and be proud of and should NOT be banned. Many people make their living from from rodeo and equine events. Now that we are apparently coming out of these Covid lockdowns this is not the time to start taking the lively hood from hard working people and their families. Thank you for your time.



## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jeannie Malone

**Date Submitted:** 03/16/2021 05:32 PM

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## Communication from Public

**Name:** Paul Wood

**Date Submitted:** 03/16/2021 01:35 PM

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