

Communication from Public

Name: Howard M. Yochum Jr. SK3,USN.ret.

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Comments for Public Posting: It seems to me that the City Council of Los Angeles is being grossly misled by false information concerning Rodeo and other Equine events. Our Equine partners has been a vital part in the growth of this country. In reference to the "Rough Stock", e.g. bucking horses and bulls, are care for better than many people care for their pets. Example, a top bucking bull of the PBR broke a bone in his foot, surgery was done to repair that break, he then went through rehab to ensure soundness in that foot before he returned to the PBR, after-which, he regained the title of Bucking Bull of the Year. The owner of this bull commented in an interview that when his bull (Bushwacker) sees other bulls loading in the trailer he starts pawing the ground letting everyone know that he wants to go. Another example is a bucking bull in the PRCA developed cancer in his eye, his owner had surgery performed to remove that eye and went through rehab to ensure that he was cancer free and that he could adjust to being in the "bucking chute" knowing when the gate is opened to go into the arena and start bucking. Another example is a racehorse from California who broke his hip while in his stall. He, like the two bucking bull I mentioned also went through surgery to repair his injury, he later went through extensive rehab to ensure that his hip was sound before he returned to the track. His first race back on the track he came in third and then went on to winning every race he entered. His accomplishments were recognized by the Sultan of Dubai where he was invited to the gran race there, which is the longer than any other race he ever ran. When he broke out of the gate he lead the field "wire to wire" winning the race by an astounding 13 lengths, the name of this horse is Well Armed. and has been featured on the television show "This Old Horse". I have also been a part of Road To The Horse, the world championship of colt starting with then best horsemen and women from around the world. There these horses are taught how to overcome their fears, accept a saddle and rider as well as negotiate various obstacles. I have also worked with Equine Assisted Activities & Therapy horses where they have helped thousands, from children with learning and physical disabilities to adults overcoming the affects of domestic violence and abuse as well as Veteran and First Responders overcoming the affect of PTSD. These are just a few examples that I can present off the top of my head, I'm sure I

could provide many more after conducting a little research. Please do not let the city council be swayed by a few misinformed people who are hell bent on destroying a multi million dollar industry. Please save our rodeos and the western way of life. Thank you very much.

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo as a whole, sport and a lifestyle is not abusive. Are there people who participate in rodeo who are abusive? Yes. Am I okay with that? No. Not even close. It boils my blood that people would abuse any animal for any reason. The majority of people in the rodeo world and families are not abused to the animals they compete with or to the stock contractor animals. These animals are treated like family. They eat before we eat. They get much better medical care than we do. We care about the animals nor can we make them do what we want. If we abuse them they will retaliate in kind. And rightly so of abuse is used. Saying that one entire sport is cruel based on what some people do is not right. If we were to ban a sport for any atrocious act there'd be no more baseball or football thanks to PED's. Anyone who is questioning this should get in contact with reputable people (from both sides) and then form their own opinion. The opinions formed from one side or from YouTube videos alone are not valid.

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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop this nonsense concerning rodeo and other events with livestock. We the American Cowboys love our animals and do all we can to take care of them.

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Comments for Public Posting: The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) has over 60 rules in place governing animal welfare and humane handling. There is always a licensed veterinarian on site at PRCA rodeos. All animals are inspected and evaluated for illness, weight, eyesight, and injury before the rodeo, and no animals that are sore, lame, sick, or injured are allowed to participate. The rate of animal injuries in PRCA rodeos is statistically negligible. A study was done that involved 60,244 animal exposures (occurrences of an animal being bucked or roped), covering 148 rodeo performances and 70 sessions of slack. Out of those 60,244 exposures, there were only 28 injuries. Electric cattle prods were developed by the cattle industry professionals, and are considered to be one of the most humane methods to initiate movement in cattle during handling. Cattle prods run on D cell batteries and produce volts, not amperage. PRCA rules state that prods can only be used when an animal is stalled in the chute, and then only on the hip and shoulder areas. Flank straps for horses are fleece or Neoprene lined, while those for bulls are soft cotton rope that can also be lined with Neoprene. They simply work as a signal for the animal to buck. Professional, licensed veterinarians have gone on record stating that flank straps cause absolutely no harm. They are placed around the “waist” of the horse or bull and are no tighter than a belt would be tightened on a person. Flank straps are not placed around the genitalia, and in fact, a flank strap that is too tight actually prevents an animal from moving. In Roughstock events, spurs are required to be dull. In bareback and saddle bronc events, the rowel (the part that turns) is required to be loose so that the spur rolls on the horse’s hide. In bull riding, the spur also must be dull, but the rowel can be loosely locked. It’s important to note that human skin is about 1-2mm thick, while a horse’s skin is 5mm and a bull’s 7mm thick, so it is virtually impossible for them to cut the animal's hide.

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Name: Allison Dyer

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Comments for Public Posting: I challenge the city council to actually go talk to rodeo folk. Walk with them. See first hand how things are done and why. See the care and housing given to animals. Be fair in there thoughts and votes and give both sides a chance to show their side before going any further. Rodeos are an important way of life and teach so many lessons in life.

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Name: Helen Hannah
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Comments for Public Posting: Please consider this email as support for rodeo and our western way of life. Thank you.

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Name: Keisha Azibo Evans

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not pass a new ordinance that is being pushed forward to ban rodeos in Los Angeles based on the completely false claim that rodeo abuses animals. Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo is a family and animal friendly event that travels the US. This group loves and treasures the marvelous animal athletes who are bred to compete. They get the best food, care and treatment and as elite athletes and they live a great life. They and the other rodeo organizations do not abuse animals. The opposing organizations are using outdated, inaccurate and misleading information about rodeo. They are flat-out lying about this sport. The only thing being tortured is the truth. Unfortunately, lies travel faster and farther than the truth. Please do not pass this proposed ordinance. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Lori loring

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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not institute a ban on rodeo because rodeo is an entertainment that is family oriented and I grew up with it in Red Bluff CA and as a Los Angeles resident I think it should not ban rodeo. The rodeo stock are often raised in California and I personally used to have horses and barrel race in my field and I have fond memories of Rodeo. Rodeo animals have more than 70 rules that have to be enforced and ensure safety for animals and contestants. Many people have never attended a real rodeo and have not seen how well they are run. Please don't ban rodeos in Los Angeles, CA. Thank you