

Communication from Public

Name: Helen Hannah
Date Submitted: 04/17/2022 11:34 AM
Council File No: 20-1575
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: Kay

Date Submitted: 04/17/2022 08:37 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo livestock are cared for better than many people treat their pets or even family members. I support rodeo as a part of our American heritage. Unfortunately there are some who seem to want to even take away livestock as farm animals and even pets. Many, unfortunately, have ideas that if implemented would cause harm to the animals and cause suffering.

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Name: Ashley Mortensen

Date Submitted: 04/18/2022 02:35 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As an owner of horses, and one who has knowledge about horse & cattle care, I felt it my responsibility to make sure to speak up on this issue, not for a personal belief statement, but as someone who does care for large animals who are impacted by rodeo events and has knowledge and experience. As an owner I regularly deal with general public who see a small portion of what cares I give to my animals, and sometimes they are completely wrong in their assumptions of what is going on. For example, my horses are provided an item made specifically for horses to keep flies off of their faces and protect their eyes by blocking 75% of the sun's UV rays. To the public eye, however they think my horses are blindfolded out in the hot summer sun. I give this example because, the general public who make claims that certain events are abusive in rodeo don't have the knowledge base with large animals on a ranch, and also haven't yet had the opportunity to learn about rodeo equipment and the special animal athletes they exhibit. I mentioned I am an owner. Just like with dogs, horses are usually bred for a purpose / sporting event in mind- using genetics to the advantage. With horses, I know what a relaxed horse, a healthy, an excited, scared, and sick horse all look like and how they act. We call this "Horsemanship" or "being in tune" with the needs of the animal based on their outward displays. I have had the opportunity to go behind the chutes at a couple rodeos in Utah, participate in the wellness checks before and after a rodeo, feed all the stock & help load and unload horses at a ranch that are transporting to a rodeo. What I can tell you is that the horses and bulls I got to see were excited to get on the trailer at the ranch. At the rodeo I saw and interacted with animals who were calm, eating, & friendly. These horses, bulls and steers were not displaying signs of anxiety or pain. A few times I did see horses trot into their performance lineup with such pizzazz, that it made me chuckle a bit because the horse gave the vibe of being competitive and wanting to show off his ability that was soon to come. While at the rodeos I also was shown the special equipment that was used, how & why, and the safety rules and welfare rules in place. The PRCA rodeos have extensive protections in place- they dont even start a rodeo without a veterinarian on site. I never saw any display of cruelty or abuse at these rodeos. What I did see was animals extremely well taken

care of. For the owners of the animals, it is important for the animals to feel their best, be cared for the best, otherwise they don't perform to their best. Being a horse owner I unfortunately other times have seen horses in need and abused outside of the sport of showing or rodeo. A horse that is hurting, anxious or abused displays unfriendly mannerisms and eventually become dangerous to be around. They require a lot of caution to work around and rehabilitation to get a horse to trust a human again. The actions and displays a horse gives when they are abused, I have never seen an animal display at a PRCA rodeo. In fact they are the opposite. They look very content, calm, and friendly towards not only their owners but also those like myself who have gotten the chance to see behind the scenes and learn about the animals. I encourage you as a city council before voting to learn about what you are voting on from the experts in their field. I am sure the PRCA and the PBR have reached out to offer such. These 2 organizations have rules and regulations in place to protect their animals and have done for decades. Now my little personal opinion at the end- I am pro animal welfare, but not animal rights. What is the difference? I feel that animals and humans need each other in this life, each one has something to give and receive. We have to take care of each other. My dog loves me, and could almost care less about what we are doing as long as we are doing it together and not sitting on the couch. My horses get jealous of their fellow horses when they don't get chosen to get in the trailer and take a trip. My dogs and horses are go getters. They are happiest when they get to do more, experience more than what the backyard and pasture. However- they are not humans. They do not have the ability to care for themselves, provide food for themselves, or medical care for themselves. It is my job to protect my animals and provide for them, give them appropriate enrichment activities tailored to each individual animal I own. My dad once had a horse that at the age of 4 decided to buck under saddle after scaring himself out on a trail ride. I can tell you, that horse had so much fun bucking- he would run, buck, twirl, buck, and show off more bucking. Each animal has it's own likes and skills. Some animals live to perform and be in the spotlight. I am happy to answer any questions you might have or direct you to a great source if I don't have the answer. Thank you

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Name: Graham Goss
Date Submitted: 04/18/2022 05:54 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: The bill to ban rodeos is good. Rodeos are glorified state-sanctioned animal abuse and have no place in civilised society.

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Name: Lisa Cortiana
Date Submitted: 04/19/2022 10:30 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Do not ban Rodeo that is near and dear to thousands that grew up in Los Angeles with a western lifestyle.

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Name: JL

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Comments for Public Posting: This public comment pertains to rodeo sport being prohibited within the municipality of Los Angeles, California. I am voicing my support of the Bill Pickett Invitational Rodeo in particular. This rodeo has a rich history in educating the public about African American cowboys and rodeo sport. BPIR is an example of a humane rodeo where the animal participants are living active lives where they are treated with the best of care. These animals are not languishing in a dilapidated barn or at an abattoir awaiting their fate. The Los Angeles area also has a strong black horsemanship, with several stables which work to transition at-risk youth from gang criminality and violence. In rodeo is where these youth are able to compete in various rodeo sports they have been training for year-round. This gives youth positive competition to anticipate as well as learning to care for animals. Please reconsider the total ban of rodeo sport in Los Angeles before adopting such a permanent prohibition. Rodeo is a positive sport which is not associated with other forms of destructive entertainment such as concerts and festivals where masses of individuals are inebriated with alcohol sold at site venues and freely consume meat products that could arguably come from inhumane sources.

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Name: Kandice Judson
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Comments for Public Posting: I OPPOSE the proposed ban on rodeos. This proposed ban is an attack on an entire culture and heritage. It was initiated by animal rights extremists without any knowledge whatsoever on how the animals are cared for. These animals receive the best care possible in every facet of their lives (food, healthcare, physical care, where they are kept/boarded, and the love they receive from their owners and caregivers). These are not abused animals. Shame on any of you who would actually consider entertaining such a preposterous idea of banning the rodeo and all of the history and heritage that goes along with it.

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Name: Linzie Lindsey
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Comments for Public Posting: Please keep the spirit of the west alive in California!

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Name: Erin
Date Submitted: 04/19/2022 06:40 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please don't ban rodeo. It's our livelihood, and our animal athlete partners are well cared for and loved.

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Name: Penny Dunning
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Comments for Public Posting: Please do not ban rodeo or rodeo-like events.