

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Honorable Los Angeles City Council Members I am writing to comment on ordinance language your body is considering that is intended to ban Rodeo. You may believe it is only to ban specific tools used in Rodeo, but if enacted it will take out the Sport in Los Angeles. Thank you for considering what I have to say. This ordinance will have far-reaching unintentional consequences. The proposal has been brought to you by animal rights extremists. Their arguments suggest and describe problems were none exist. The stock in trade for these animal rights extremists is to appeal to your emotion and manipulate you to their perspective- that any use of animals is wrong. They ignore the facts about the welfare of Rodeo livestock. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association has more than 70 rules protecting livestock used in their events and an impressive safety rating of 99.9% over the last 4 years. If you have concerns about animal welfare in Rodeo or other exhibitions I encourage you to seek information from real experts, e.g. the American Veterinary Medical Association, the Professional Rodeo Association, and other independent animal welfare groups (groups that use and care for animals not those that advocate not using them). The ordinance language model you requested following the Pittsburg Pennsylvania ordinance could unintentionally ban all animal exhibitions from livestock to dog shows, 4-H and FFA. Please don't do this to your constituents. Sincerely, Jill Montgomery

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Comments for Public Posting: The divide between urban and agriculture has become so wide that much of the truth surrounding quality management practices that promote animal welfare have fallen by the wayside or been infiltrated with speculation and information that is not based on fact. Animal production is a key part of our civilization. Animal welfare is likewise a key part of our civilization. Animal producers of all species are generally focused on providing the best care possible for their animals to insure maximum production. This includes rodeo events, animal exhibitions, parades and other events that assist in providing the link between production agriculture and consumers. Elimination of such public events drives the gap wider and results in increased speculation that leads to mistrust and eventually to opposing all animal production which we now see starting to take place. I strongly encourage the continuation of all events that provide a link between the public and agriculture including social and cultural events such as rodeo and livestock shows.