

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Barbara Pinnella

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Why are you listening to the very vocal minority to make a decision to ban rodeos and western sports in L.A.? Has anyone done any actual research on the subject of how the livestock are treated? If there has been, they would realize just how misinformed these people are. Everything that is being said is NOT true! I have been covering the PBR for 27 years - 27!!! At this point, I personally know many stock contractors, bull riders, and most other individuals involved with the PBR. Go to an event, and not to protest. For God's sake, really watch, ask to see the equipment, get behind the chutes, ask questions from those who are actually involved in the sport. See what REAL cowboys do, and not just stand outside and scream out lies.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Anonymous

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**Comments for Public Posting:** As a public official in my community, I must remain anonymous to avoid retaliation. My community has been targeted by PETA for the elimination of our rodeo, which we've hosted now for 100 years. I am not a contestant, or otherwise directly involved, just a suburban resident who enjoys recreational sports. I have read statements on both sides of the argument. I find the statements by respected veterinarians favoring the excellent care given by professional rodeo personnel to be highly credible. (Link below.) In addition, there are a number of equestrian ranches in my area that routinely provide free training for underprivileged youth, foster kids, and shelter kids and young adults. Teaching love and respect for these animals encourages a healthy lifestyle. For most, it heals the abuse, loneliness, and hurt. Loving an animal and the ranch lifestyle provides hope and inspiration, connecting youth to our national heritage while promoting safe and ethical treatment of these cherished living beings. The proposed legislation has the opposite effect, by signaling that the ranching lifestyle is bad, to be avoided, shameful ... when it is not. To be fair to both sides of the issue would be legislation requiring ethical treatment of rodeo animals. That legislation already exists, and every major rodeo, equestrian, riding, and exhibition organization requires their participants to adhere to these rules. Please don't ruin a good thing. The proposed legislation simply goes too far.  
<https://teamropingjournal.com/news/calling-all-cowboys-stop-the-madness-and-save-rodeo/>

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeos are animal abuse. Period.