

Communication from Public

Name: Susan L Baillie

Date Submitted: 05/28/2021 02:36 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Councilmembers: My name is Susan Baillie and I'd like to express my opposition to the proposed ordinance that will ban rodeo and bull riding in Los Angeles. I grew up in Salinas California and have attended the California Rodeo for over 50 years. I also purchase tickets every year to attend PBR in Sacramento, CA. and travel to Las Vegas in November for the finals. I have visited the bull housing both in Las Vegas and in Sacramento and have seen first hand how these beautiful animals are treated. Just like people, some keep their distance, while others come up to the railing to have pictures taken or for back rubs. Anyone who is a fan of western sports knows that the health and safety of the animals in these events is very important to all involved. Rodeo people make their living by breeding, training and working with the animal athletes. They make sure these animals get the best care. These are not wild animals forced to compete – they're bred and trained for rodeo. They are not abused. The flank straps and dull spurs don't harm the animals, who are actually treated very well. If one takes a back stage tour, you can see and touch the equipment used by both bull owners and riders. I have never seen anything that would harm a bull or a person. Rodeo teaches important values like hard work, charity, respect, responsibility, and honesty. The sport is inclusive and promotes equality. Everyone is welcome. These values are needed today more than ever. Especially for our youth. All the riders that I have personally met are the most courteous men I have ever met. If this ordinance goes forward, it will ban in Los Angeles rodeo, bull riding and various equestrian events– affecting the charros rodeo, the all-Black rodeo planned for STAPLES Center, PBR, any future PRCA rodeos, Compton Cowboys exhibitions, and even several Olympic equestrian sports. This is not just banning sports that bring economic impact to LA but even worse, equestrian events and exhibitions here that change lives. We need to celebrate all cowboys, their strong values, and all the great things they stand for, not prevent them from showcasing their skills in Los Angeles! I urge you to please not move forward with this proposal – it's unnecessary for a sport that already protects its animal athletes as a model steward in caring and treating for these animals, and it would be detrimental to Los Angeles in many ways. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns.

Susan L Baillie

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: The equine industry provides a source of leadership, entertainment as it is a sport, and income for venues and its surrounding area where events are held. At the expense of halting such events massive revenue will be lost but most impacted will be the animals for these events. With out a purpose or job for the animals they are more likely to be left rotting in a pasture or neglected as there would be less need for having those animals. Thus by trying to halt an animal event you create a bigger welfare problem.

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo livestock is bred and raised for their jobs. It is their natural instinct to buck and nothing is ever used to harm or hurt the animals. These animals are some of the best taken care of livestock, they are true athletes. The health and safety of the animals is taken very seriously, so much so that the arena dirt is evaluated and scientifically tested to make sure it is safe for all of the animals. It needs to be considered the affect this will have on ALL equine events, include those that are in the Olympics. This would be detrimental to all types of equine competition and development of youth.

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Comments for Public Posting: My family supports the Rodeo sport! My son was always very shy and quiet. However, since he was a baby has always had a love of horses, bulls and Rodeo! At 5 years old, he started calf riding and sheep riding. Since participating in this sport he has gained so much confidence and made great friendships! Los Angeles is the closest area where he is able to closely participate in Rodeo events and if this were to be cancelled; it would be detrimental to his growth and he would be completely heartbroken. Additionally, being a Hispanic family, the sport of Rodeo has brought something our parents grew up with in Mexico, to have here in the U.S and bring us all closer as a family and keep cultural traditions alive and teaching them to the future of the sport of Rodeo! I ask to please reconsider banning such events; it would be a great loss to so many people who love the sport, but especially to the children who love practicing this sport and is their hobby which keeps them from getting involved in negative situations. The sport of Rodeo provides them with the confidence to work hard and achieve their goals; and such skills are very important and can applied to anything they choose to do in life. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Sandy Torres

Date Submitted: 05/28/2021 03:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeo teaches important values like hard work, charity, respect, responsibility, and honesty. The sport is inclusive and promotes equality. Everyone is welcome. These values are needed now more than ever.

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Name:

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Comments for Public Posting: I've been a rodeo fan since I was a tot and feel that it is a wonderful sport for all. The strongest families I know are involved in rodeo. There are no inhumane activities in rodeo and animals involved are treated humanely and with trust and love from their owners (the animals love to work, just like us). By supressing this sport you will deny future generations of people, brown, black, white who have worked the land and enjoyed this wonderful sport of America.