

Communication from Public

Name: Steven Roy Ballentine

Date Submitted: 05/18/2021 01:41 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: I would like to address the City Council regarding Bull Riding events in the City of LA. Please consider and fact check animal treatment involving bucking bull welfare and the treatment of these animal athletes because they are in no way mistreated and are protected by rules that the Professional Bull Riders Uphold protecting the bulls from any harm and these bulls are pets and very well cared for by their owners much like thoroughbred race horses are cared for and have a registry as well. They live full lives and are never introduced to our food chain. Western Sports are very much a big part of our country's heritage and a huge part of California history and of Hollywood and the movie industry. The Cowboy way of life is just that, a way of life and not just a fashion statement. Its rooted in community and moral values, values that impact our youth and give some inter- city children a chance to experience cultural events that are deep rooted in our State and country's history. We love these animals and our lives revolve around them and their well being is very important to us. Thank you for hearing me out and please look into and consider our side of this matter. Respectfully Steve Roy Ballentine. Professional Bull Rider, Stock Contractor and Native Californian. God bless????