

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: To whom it may concern: I write this letter to implore you to protect the way of life that is rodeo. Please, protect the culture that this great country was built on. Do not fall victim to extremists that seek to force their agenda on the entire country. They are attacking all of animal agriculture and will not stop until even owning pets has been banned. The health and safety of the animals in rodeo and bull riding is paramount. Rodeo people make their living by breeding, training and working with the animal athletes, who get the best care. They truly love these animal athletes and have many safeguards in place to ensure their care. - These are not wild animals forced to compete – they're bred and trained for their jobs. They are not abused. The flank straps and dull spurs don't harm the animals. - 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. - This ordinance will ban in Los Angeles rodeo, bull riding and various equestrian events– affecting the charros rodeo, the all-Black rodeo at 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 and cowgirls, their strong values, and all the great things they stand for, not prevent them from showcasing their skills in Los Angeles! Respectfully, Carrie Brown