

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: I have been involved in rodeo and in the cattle industry for all of my adult life. In my younger years I participated in rodeo as a team roper and a saddle bronc rider. I am still involved in rodeo as rodeo manager of our local rodeo. Rodeo has a long vibrant history that brings us back to our roots. We get to evidence, as spectators, the bravery of the cowboys and see the beautiful animals do what they are bred to do. These animals are very well cared for. The rodeo stock contractors have invested lots of time and money in developing animals that love to buck. They love to perform in front of an audience and enjoy winning the contest between the animal and the cowboy. For many folks attending a rodeo or an equestrian event is the only time that they can see the western lifestyle - in action - and up close. Horses that are used in our timed-event competitions are also well cared for. They represent a major investment by the cowboys and cowgirls, many of them costing upwards of \$50,000 - \$100,000. And these animals are also bred to do their event - and enjoy doing it. Rodeo is truly an All American event. Most rodeos begin with a salute to our nation with the singing of our National Anthem, followed by a prayer for the competitors and the animals. This usually follows what is known as the Grand Entry - where the cowboys and cowgirls are introduced - usually carrying state flags and our nations flag. I respectfully ask you to allow rodeo and equestrian events to continue in Los Angeles.