

Communication from Public

Name: Kathy Cullen

Date Submitted: 07/26/2021 09:13 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Many animals are injured and even killed in rodeos. Animal cruelty investigators are only able to attend a very small percentage of rodeos each year. Therefore, only a very small percentage of injuries or deaths are documented. More importantly, as the record below shows, rodeos frequently try to cover up animal injuries and even deaths. Injuries ranging from minor to life threatening may not be immediately visible, especially from the distance of the bleachers. These injuries may include sprains, broken bones, muscle pulls, saddle blisters, spur and flank strap wounds. Essentially, if the animal doesn't drop dead in front of the bleachers, the audience usually doesn't know anything is wrong. Also, in the last few years, rodeos are banning video and in some cases even still cameras from their events in an effort to thwart documentation of rodeo cruelty, and the resulting injuries and deaths. Please be sure the ban that was voted on STAYS in place for the safety of the animals that don't have a choice!

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Name: Elvia Sedano

Date Submitted: 07/26/2021 05:47 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council Members, I want to request to please ban Rodeos/Charreadas, there is plenty documentation that shows animals can be and have been severely injured. These events have been taking place for too long and it is time to evolve and end animal cruelty, these animals are subjected to pain and forced to perform with instruments that cause pain all for greed, please ban Rodeos/Charreadas. Thank you.

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Name: Dr. Peggy Larson

Date Submitted: 07/26/2021 12:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Animals should not be injured or killed for entertainment and that is what rodeo is. It bears no resemblance to ranching. I grew up on a cattle ranch in North Dakota and spent 8 years as a ranch veterinarian there. My ranch clients did not ride bulls, speed rope calves or make their expensive horses buck. Rodeo is not American "tradition". As a former bareback bronc rider, pathologist and large animal veterinarian, I have both the experience and autopsy proof that rodeo injures and kills animals. Dr. Robert Bay from Colorado autopsied roping calves and found hemorrhages, torn muscles, torn ligaments, damage to the trachea, damage to the throat and damage to the thyroid. These calves never get a chance to heal before they are used again. Meat inspectors processing rodeo animals found broken bones, ruptured internal organs, massive amounts of blood in the abdomen from ruptured blood vessels and damage to the ligamentum nuchae that holds the neck to the rest of the spinal column. As a former criminal lawyer, children that are exposed to and participate in animal abuse often grow up to abuse humans. I have seen children cry at rodeos when the calves are roped and slammed to the ground. It is time for this archaic rodeo "entertainment" to end."
Peggy W Larson, DVM MS JD

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Name: Andrew Lesser, M.D.

Date Submitted: 07/26/2021 01:51 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Councilmembers, The treatment of animals in rodeos is an egregious example of animal abuse. I support the City Council of Los Angeles' resolution 20-1575. Sincerely, Andrew J Lesser, M.D.

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Name: Sandra Zaninovich
Date Submitted: 07/26/2021 02:51 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am writing to express my support for motion 20-1575, which would ban flank straps, spurs, electric prods; creating a "de facto ban" on rodeos in the City of LA. This legislation was modeled after Pittsburgh's 1992 motion, which was written after a bull was mortally injured and it was all caught on a major TV network; there has not been a rodeo in Pittsburgh since. This motion was passed unanimously by the LA City Council, rightfully so. Rodeos use docile, terrified farm animals that must be provoked in order to make them act "wild." Without these tools of torment, there can be no rodeo. That fact, in and of itself, should be enough to convince any person with a heart or conscience that rodeos are cruelty personified. The current motion is absolutely not an attack on history, heritage, or culture. It is a motion that opposes animal cruelty. The Gene Autry Museum of Western Heritage in Griffith Park is the perfect place to learn about vaqueros, ranching, early settlers, and all things related to Western heritage. The very same animals used in rodeos also currently reside in several "farm sanctuaries" in the state. Children and adults alike love to interact with animals. In sanctuaries these animals are loved, cherished and respected- all are critical attributes for children to learn. Wrestling, wrangling, roping, hog-tying, slamming animals' bodies against the ground- these activities have NO place in a civilized society. Let's not wait until we have an incident like Pittsburgh did; enough animals have suffered and died for the "entertainment" of man already. Please be on the right side of history and do your part to ensure it will happen no more, at least in this form, in LA. Thank you, on behalf of all the voiceless, defenseless, helpless, innocent animals.

Communication from Public

Name: Cliff Williamson

Date Submitted: 07/26/2021 09:08 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles Office of the City Clerk, The American Horse Council on behalf of the hundreds of equine associations, small businesses, horse owners, and millions of horse enthusiasts across the country, requests you reconsider the all efforts that limit the ability of your constituents to enjoy equestrian sports. We specifically request a reversal of the effective ban on rodeos and western sports in Los Angeles. Based on the 2017 Equine Industry Economic Impact Study conducted by the American Horse Council and American Horse Council Foundation, we found that the horse industry contributes \$122 billion a year to the US economy annually on the backs of 7.2 million horses. Additionally, the industry employs 1.5 million Americans and a third of all U.S. households has a member that is a horse enthusiast. All equine sports must abide by not only the local, state and federal regulations that govern animal health and welfare, but also the social contract between the event participants and the general public. Without this understanding, well-intention yet misinformed actions taken by groups and organizations have disastrous unintended consequences that can ripple out and permanently end culturally and financially significant aspects of our communities. Clearly, our industry has become complacent in the outreach we do to introduce our livelihoods to the citizens of Los Angeles, and we would like to address that shortfall. We are asking for the time to do that, unfortunately this new ordinance banning rodeo activities will make that effort prohibitively difficult. Additionally, the spill over effects will impact non-rodeo events such as horse shows, 4-H, and FFA. We hope that you see our outreach as an opportunity to improve future regulatory language and we would happily speak with anyone about the downstream impacts of this kind of action. The American Horse Council exists to provide assistance to governmental entities and we hope you will take advantage of our diverse and engaged membership for guidance to find an appropriate solution to address the concerns of all parties involved. 1616 H Street NW 7th Floor . Washington DC 20006 . 202-296-4031 . Fax 202-296-1970 Email: AHC@horsecouncil.org . Web Address: www.horsecouncil.org

Communication from Public

Name: Kristina Verdile
Date Submitted: 07/26/2021 10:25 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: I am commenting in support of the motion to ban rodeos from Los Angeles. Rodeos exploit and abuse animals for entertainment. Children witness terrified animals being wrestled, wrangled, roped, and hog-tied. The audience see the bodies of animals slammed against the ground- these activities have NO place in a civilized society. Three years ago, a female horse was euthanized at the Rowell Ranch Rodeo in Castro Valley due to a broken neck injury that was the result of her being terrorized. In order for horses and cows to "buck" during the rodeo performance, a painful cinch belt is wrapped around their groin area causing them incredible discomfort. Rodeo workers used electric prods or batons to poke and harass the animals into a frenzy. This inhumane treatment does not belong in Los Angeles. Please think of the animals as well as the horrible impression rodeos make on young children. Please ban rodeos from L.A.!