

Communication from Public

Name: Lynn Freudenberg
Date Submitted: 07/29/2021 11:58 PM
Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Please place an indefinite ban on rodeo events in Los Angeles, California. As a former horse owner for over 27 years, I have witnessed the abuse at these events, it is not entertainment, its is extreme cruelty. No animal should be subjected to electric prods, shocking devices, flank and bucking straps, wire tie downs, sharpened spurs and rowels. THIS IS RODEO CALF ROPING A cruel event, baby calves are used, only 3-4 months old, yes they are large but still are babies who should be with their mothers. In a rodeo they are forced to run at speeds in excess of 25 miles per hour when roped. How they are forced to run at such a fast pace? They are tormented while being held in a holding chute, their tails are twisted, rubbed back and forth over the steel chute bars then shocked with a 5,000-volt electric prod until the gate opens, only to be stopped by a rope thrown around its neck as the calf is savagely thrown to the ground, many injured, some are killed. I boarded my horse at R&R Ranch in Moorpark, CA. I watched as "cowboys" practiced roping baby cows, unfortunately I could not avoid them as they spend a large amount of time practicing to become proficient. Young baby calves are savagely thrown to the ground, while tied up in rope around their neck and limbs, this is not entertainment, it is a sickening barbaric archaic form of entertainment. Roping cannot be done in a humane way. STEER WRESTLING Steer wrestling causes injury and death in this cruel event. A steer is forced to run at top speed while a contestant jumps off of his horse, grabs the horns of the steer and twists the steers neck until he falls to the ground. Their heads are violently twisted back and forth, often suffering a broken neck. BULL RIDING This may seem to appear less harmful since the bulls are so large but to enhance the bulls performance, cattle prods are repeatedly used to shock the bulls as they trapped in a bucking chute. Bucking straps and sharpened spurs are used to anger the bull, bucking beyond his ability, causing severe injury to front and back legs, many times fracturing their limbs. BRONC RIDING Nothing but a death sport, ridden so hard that horses crash into fence posts in the arena or into the holding chute. Bucking horses must be spurred over the shoulders on each jump or buck in order for the rider to qualify. Spurs cause blunt trauma to the shoulders which do not have time to heal between rodeo circuits. Bucking straps cause chafing to the delicate flank areas, very painful to

have a tight strap on raw skin. These horses are purposely prodded with spurs and tight leather straps to run blind trying to flee their tormenter. Why would anyone who loves animals want to inflict such abuse? Horses are terrified, shocked with prods before leaving a small confined pen. There are many videos on YouTube showing all the atrocities of rodeo, men seen holding electrical devices as they are shocking horses in sensitive areas right before they are released from the holding pen. The entire rodeo industry is cruel, please show compassion and ban rodeo events from Los Angeles, California. Cities around the country have passed ordinances eliminating common rodeo devices such as electric prods, spurs and flank straps. These devices inflict pain to force the animals to "perform," when these devices are banned, rodeos disappear. Thank you, Lynn Freudenberg Los Angeles, CA

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Name: Emily Raap
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Comments for Public Posting: Please see letter of support attached.

PEOPLE FOR
THE ETHICAL
TREATMENT
OF ANIMALS

July 30, 2021

Council Members
City of Los Angeles

Dear Council Members:

I'm writing on behalf of PETA, PETA Latino, and our more than 6.5 million members and supporters worldwide—including more than 40,000 who live in Los Angeles County—in support of Council File 20-1575, which would ban the vile devices typically used in rodeos and *charreadas* and which cause animals tremendous pain and suffering.

Electrical prods, shocking devices, wire tie-downs, and sharpened or fixed spurs are purposely *designed* to cause pain. These inhumane rodeo tools should be roundly condemned.

Flank or bucking straps are so agitating to horses and cows that the animals are provoked into “wild” behavior in an attempt to rid themselves of them. Pairing flank straps with spurs causes the animals to buck even more violently, often resulting in serious injuries. Animal-control officers have even found burrs and other irritants placed under flank straps. In addition, the strap can rub the animal's hair off, which chafes the skin beneath and causes open wounds and burns.

Countless animals have lost their lives at rodeos and *charreadas*. PETA staffers routinely receive reports about animals who have sustained broken backs or necks and suffered from heart attacks and aneurysms. I'm attaching a [factsheet](#) that details some of these deaths, which are unquestionably undercounted, since most rodeo fatalities don't make the news.

Rodeos and *charreadas* are cruel and outdated spectacles that have no place in the 21st century. Most Latinos today don't want to see animals being tormented for entertainment. In fact, according to one survey, only 1% of Mexicans who attended a traditional festivity attended a *charreada*, and another survey showed that only 1.2% of Mexicans think that *charreada* is the most important sport in Mexico. It's therefore disingenuous to defend rodeos and *charreadas* under the guise of culture.

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Devices that are designed to hurt animals have no place in L.A. We urge you to follow the lead of the city of Pittsburgh, which has [already banned](#) these kinds of painful rodeo tools.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Alicia Aguayo
Senior Manager
PETA Latino

Communication from Public

Name: Zulma Galvan

Date Submitted: 07/30/2021 01:52 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Como residente de Los Ángeles, estoy a favor de la prohibición de los dispositivos dolorosos de los rodeos y las charreadas. Animales como toros, becerros y caballos son seres inteligentes y sensibles que sufren tremendamente cuando les aplican descargas eléctricas y son sometidos a la tortura de las espuelas, cinchas y correas de amarre de alambre. Los dispositivos dolorosos usados en rodeos y charreadas (como picanas eléctricas, espuelas y cinchas para corcoveo) son usados para irritar y enfurecer a los animales. La faja, cincha o cuerda de “corcoveo” se encincha fuertemente alrededor del abdomen del animal, lo que provoca que corcovee con vigor para tratar de librarse del tormento. Cuando se combinan las cinchas de corcoveo con las espuelas, los animales corcovean aún más violentamente, lo que a menudo provoca lesiones graves. Exoficiales de control de animales han hallado cortezas espinosas y otras sustancias irritantes colocadas bajo las cinchas de corcoveo. Además, la cincha de corcoveo puede causar heridas abiertas y quemaduras cuando frota el pelo y rasga la piel. Sinceramente

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Name: Pauline

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Comments for Public Posting: No se debe tolerar ningún aparato que causa dolor o daño a los animales para cualquier motivo, aun menos para ganar un trofeo o dinero. Son individuales que merecen respeto, que son inteligentes, que sienten dolor y que no son nuestros para usarlos como nos convenga. Comparten la planeta con nosotros, aun estaban acá antes de los humanos y merecen una vida que les permite desarrollarse según su natura. Son seres enteros y así los debemos reconocer.

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Name: Sam Lavi

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Communication from Public

Name: Alana Crow

Date Submitted: 07/30/2021 04:56 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a Los Angeles resident, lawyer, wife, mother, lawyer and animal rights activist, I am in favor of a ban on painful devices from rodeos and charreadas. Animals such as bulls, calves and horses are intelligent and sensitive beings who suffer tremendously when they are subjected to electric shocks and are subjected to the torture of spurs, girths and wire tie straps.

Communication from Public

Name: Cheryl Ruggiero

Date Submitted: 08/01/2021 02:29 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: I strongly support the ordinance to ban cruel tools, devices and methods that abuse animals used in rodeos. This ordinance would enforce the humane treatment of animals, which is something everyone should support. Thank you!

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Name: Myrian Monnet-Cisneros Monnet
Date Submitted: 07/30/2021 10:07 PM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please, don't be cruel with the horses and other animals. Thanks
Rev. Dr. Myrian Monnet

Communication from Public

Name: Amanda

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Comments for Public Posting: Animals do not willingly put their bodies in harms way for the purpose of entertaining human's. Those who are pro rodeo would like us to believe that the tools used do not harm or upset animals in any way and instead that the animals buck and run wildly purely based on selective breeding. I grew up attending rodeos with my grandpa when I would visit him in Utah. I would see the animals in their holding pens before the events began. They were gentle, docile, grazing and even playing. They were NOT the seemingly wild, bucking beasts that I would see a short time later in the arena. I wondered and was saddened to think about what could possibly have happened to them to make such a difference in their behavior. It is time to evolve and move past abusing animals for entertainment purposes. Our society is already riddled with so much violence why go out of our way to add to it? Let us continue adding our city to the list of those who have chosen to ban tools of torment on rodeo animals. Thank you.

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Name: Oscar Ramirez
Date Submitted: 07/31/2021 10:37 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Please stop rodeos and all forms of animal cruelty. This is a savage and irresponsible practice.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 08/02/2021 09:54 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: Dear Los Angeles City Council, I am writing you today to support the ban on flank straps, spurs, and electric pods in rodeos in the City of Los Angeles. Rodeos use docile, terrified farm animals that must be provoked in order to make them act "wild." The animals used in rodeos also reside in farm sanctuaries where children can safely interact with these animals. In sanctuaries these animals are loved, cherished and respected- all are critical attributes for children to learn. Rodeos are no place for animals to be used for hog-tying, slamming animals' bodies against the ground, wrangling, and roping. Please implement this ban, because the general public agrees that rodeos have no place in Los Angeles city. All my best to you, Zohra

Communication from Public

Name: Christine Rangel

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Comments for Public Posting: I support the ban on rodeos in Los Angeles. This is an antiquated and cruel sport; in 2021, we should be able to prioritize animals' wellbeing before entertainment. Los Angeles has always been a pioneer of anti-cruelty laws and dismantling cruel practices such as this. Our society can do better than this and so can Los Angeles. Thank you for your consideration.