

Communication from Public

Name: Joe Hopkins

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Comments for Public Posting: My family has completed in rodeo for close to 20 years. It's a great family sport and the animals are treated like royalty. Rodeo families believe that part of rodeo is having respect for the animals that compete along with us in events. If you disrespect or treat an animal poorly at a rodeo you are often disqualified from competition. In some extreme circumstances I have seen people banned from organizations completely. We do not put up with the mistreatment of animals at home or at events. Many kids that compete in rodeo go on to compete in college some on rodeo scholarships that help them pay for school.

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Name: Hayle
Date Submitted: 09/02/2021 07:43 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: We Support Rodeo and our Western Heritage!

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Name: Christina Helms
Date Submitted: 09/02/2021 09:58 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Keep rodeo, horse shoes, circuses, animal parks, petting zoos, dog shows, cattle farms, and EVERY OTHER FORM OF ANIMAL EVENT OR ACTIVITY ALIVE!!! There is absolutely NO cruelty, NO mismanagement, and NOTHING to hide. These crack pot activist groups have an agenda and have written a manifesto to eventually rid us all of our common sense and being able to own animals. Look it up! They're radical and misinformed. You have a few that run the operation and they allow mislead and ignorant young people into thinking that life is cruel for a pack animal, a meat animal, or a beast of burden. It's NOT for some radical groups to MAKE LIFE DECISIONS FOR THE WORLD!!!!!!!!!!!! Thank you, from a rodeo mom and common sense person. You need more like me in CA!

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Comments for Public Posting: There are already laws in place regarding rodeo equipment and usage in California. The Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association also has over 70 rules pertaining to the safety of the livestock and contestants. These laws and rules already address spurs, flank straps and electric prod usage. Penal code 596.7 already restricts the use of electric prods, flank straps are fleece lined or soft rope, and sharp spurs are prohibited and locked spurs are prohibited in saddle bronc and bareback events. We take great pride in our rodeo livestock. Our animals are often worth thousands of dollars and are bred for their job as a rodeo athlete. Items such as flank straps are not used to hurt an animal but for the safety of the animal and the rider. Flank straps are lined with fleece and never placed too tightly as the animal will not buck if that is the case. Spurs are not sharp as often indicated and electric prods can only be used in case of an emergency when the chute gate is open and the life of the animal and/or rider is threatened. No one involved in Rodeo or the western industry was consulted by the Los Angeles City Council before they pushed the drafting of the ordinance forward. At least take the opportunity to educate yourselves about the equipment and usage before passing an ordinance. If this ordinance is enacted in LA, we will no longer have rodeo, bull riding and various equestrian events in LA. This will cancel the charros rodeo, the all-Black rodeo at STAPLES Center, PBR, PRCA rodeos, Compton Cowboys exhibitions, and even several Olympic equestrian sports. There are a number of businesses that count on the Professional Bull Riding and rodeo related activities at venues like the Staples Center that draw capacity crowds for their business. Those restaurants and businesses that gain income from the economic impact of these events will see their bottom line negatively impacted.

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Name: Amy Friend

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Comments for Public Posting: Please reconsider your position on banning the sport of rodeo in your city. Rodeo is a part of our heritage in the west. It's a sport that emphasizes teamwork, supporting your competitors and an incredible work ethic. The animal in this sport are well cared for, well fed and important to both the fans and the competitors. The horses and bulls that are ridden in the rough stock events are selectively bred and picked for their abilities and are often very valuable. They receive good vet care and most of them live in large pastures in a natural herd setting when they are not at an event. It's a sport that welcomes families and family values, a patriotic sport that proudly represents our history and the American spirit.

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are part of America's culture. The excitement of attending your first rodeo as a child creates a life long memory. Growing up in rural America as a child you learn of the loving care given to the animals who perform and the care they're given before, during, and after their performances. It would be heart breaking to know misinformation could prevent other children from experiencing the fun of the rodeo.