

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Matthew Maddox  
**Date Submitted:** 03/27/2024 03:26 AM  
**Council File No:** 20-1575

**Comments for Public Posting:** I'm sending this in behalf of rodeo. Not only is it the last true American sport, but it is also a great atmosphere for family to spend time together; be it as a spectator or as a competitor. I saw on the post this was attached to that PETA was involved somehow, and that I need to send my support for and to defend rodeo. The animals who are involved in rodeo are in most cases treated better than our human counterparts. I personally am on the barrel racing side of things and my horse absolutely loves getting into that arena and showing off. You can feel the difference in her demeanor and her attitude when we get close to that gate. When she's not under saddle she's in my back pocket rubbing her head on me and stealing as much of my personal space as possible so fear to do her job is not an issue. She has a passion for it just like I do. These animals have a passion for it and they love to make their owners happy. The fact that I'm even having to write a written statement to preserve my right to do the things I enjoy is truly disheartening. This is the only truly free nation on the planet and I have to plead for my right to live. I have to plead for my horses right to live and enjoy life. She has a purpose and she knows her purpose. Rescue dogs, drug dogs, cattle dogs, emotional support pets, all these animals have a purpose and they love what they do, it's not a job to them, just like the animals in rodeo. Say that PETA wins, what's next? Are these animals gonna lose their rights to do what they love also? Are they the next targets? Leave rodeo alone there's no abuse here.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Jimmy

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeos are a competition that represents the American way of life. As a former rodeo contestant myself, and also as someone who has worked for a rodeo stock contractor, I can attest that rodeo animals are treated with the utmost care. As any business owner takes the utmost care of his or her assets, the rodeo animals are the assets of the stock contractor. Thus, they are fed well, and are also given great medical care. The better that they are taken care of, the better they perform, which leads to more top rodeo hands entering the rodeos and more spectators also, and thus greater profits. It would make no sense for any self respecting contractor to treat them in an ill manner. Also, there is a common misconception that contractors tie up the genitalia to get an animal to buck. This is not true at all. The flank strap only brushes against an animals belly to give a tickling sensation that causes the animal to buck. It does not harm them in any way. Groups like PETA may be well meaning, but they are seriously misinformed. Please preserve the sport of rodeo, which provides family entertainment, and also represents the great American cowboy, and represents the spirit of hard work, grit, determination, and the way of life of this great nation. Banning the sport would be nothing short of a travesty!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Randy

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I urge you to firmly support rodeo. It is an ethical sport, and the animals are treated extremely well overall.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Tiffany Hurst

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is my daughter's world and these animals are very well cared for and loved. Do not destroy peoples sport & way of life to gain whatever point you're trying to make, it will hurt so many!!

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Aaron Parker

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Public Rodeos are a fun and family friendly activity. It is a wholesome tradition enjoyed by millions of Americans and Mexicans, every year. It is an important piece of our heritage.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mitzi Francis

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**Comments for Public Posting:** I support rodeo 100%. These stock contractors take the best care of their stock. Peta has gone too far on so many levels. Peta will be wanting to take a Goldfish out of a bowl of water next. Please do your research on rodeo contractors . Then go and really do research on Peta. Dig deep their appearance looks wonderful, but some of their tactics are not what they want you to believe.

## Communication from Public

**Name:**

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Rodeo is an original American sport and it's our history. You guys keep saying "Don't hide/ change history" yet you're trying to take this from us? This is something that has been around since the 1800s and needs to stay Los Angeles is a great place for it to be as it can show others our life style. As you take in our word please keep rodeo alive.