

Communication from Public

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Name: Wes Myers

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Comments for Public Posting: The proposed rodeo ban in Los Angeles is bad for animals and bad for business. Both the horses and animals used in rodeo events are cared for and managed by industry professionals. There is an economic incentive for those professionals to ensure that the health and well-being of the animals is their primary focus. Between the nutrition, exercise, and training, rodeo animals are some of the healthiest and stress-free in the world. Riding and handling animals in a rodeo environment ensures that proper close-up health inspections are done as well as provide for a perfect venue to administer proper vaccinations and medications. In addition, only the highest quality animal feed and nutritional supplements are used to ensure optimal performance. There is a misunderstood perception that rodeo events are "harmful" to the animals. Prior to voting on this proposed ordinance, I would encourage each and every city councilmember to visit the horses and livestock kept by LA Animal Services and compare them to similar animals at rodeo events. You do not need to be a licensed veterinarian to clearly see that the animals at rodeo events are in much better physical and emotional condition.... Banning rodeo events in Los Angeles means banning the incentives to properly care for horses and livestock in Los Angeles. Thank you for your consideration.