

Communication from Public

Name: brook

Date Submitted: 12/06/2023 03:51 PM

Council File No: 20-1575

Comments for Public Posting: Keep our rodeo culture annd heritage intact. Stop whitewashing and gentrifying our city.

Communication from Public

Name: margaritavela

Date Submitted: 12/07/2023 06:26 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the Esteemed Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I write to you today as a concerned citizen who is deeply troubled by recent discussions regarding the potential criminalization of rodeo style events and the use of horses within our city limits. While I understand the need to ensure the safety and well-being of both our residents and animals, I urge you to consider the rich cultural significance of these activities and the potential negative impact that a blanket ban could have on our community. Rodeo events and the use of horses are deeply rooted in the history and heritage of not only Los Angeles but also the entire American West. For many, these activities represent a cherished tradition that has been passed down through generations, serving as a source of pride and identity for countless individuals and families. By criminalizing these practices, we risk erasing an important part of our cultural fabric and alienating those who hold them dear. Furthermore, the proposed ban on rodeo style events and horses fails to account for the many responsible and compassionate individuals who have dedicated their lives to the ethical and humane treatment of animals. There are numerous organizations and individuals within our community who are committed to promoting the welfare of horses and other animals, and who have taken great strides to ensure that these creatures are treated with the utmost care and respect. Rather than punishing these individuals, we should seek to work collaboratively with them to establish guidelines and standards that promote the well-being of animals while allowing for the continuation of important cultural practices. It is also important to acknowledge the economic impact of these activities within our city. Rodeo events and related industries contribute significantly to our local economy, providing employment opportunities and driving tourism and commerce. By enacting a ban on these events, we risk not only depriving individuals of their livelihoods but also undermining the economic vitality of our community as a whole. Instead of pursuing a blanket ban, I implore the City Council to explore alternative solutions that prioritize the welfare of animals while also respecting the cultural significance and economic contributions of these activities. This could include the implementation of stringent regulations and oversight to ensure the ethical treatment of animals, as well as the promotion of

educational initiatives to raise awareness about responsible animal care practices. In conclusion, I urge the City Council to carefully consider the far-reaching implications of criminalizing rodeo style events and the use of horses within our city. Let us work together to find a balanced and equitable approach that respects our cultural heritage, supports our local economy, and safeguards the well-being of animals. By doing so, we can demonstrate our commitment to fostering a community that is both compassionate and inclusive, where diverse traditions and practices are celebrated and preserved for future generations. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Margarita Vela

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Name: Amber Paredes
Date Submitted: 12/07/2023 07:22 AM
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Comments for Public Posting: Forcing the shut down of important practices like charrería and rodeo forces our Latino communities out of spaces we created! It's racist to pick and choose who is allowed to corral horses; especially if other sports like dressage and polo are left alone! There is animal cruelty across the board, and our energy should be placed on ensuring welfare regulations for these animals IN ALL SPORTS, not just Hispanic centered, and especially not removing their entire job! And if the concern is for the animals, how are the horse races still a common past time! The amount of horror stories I've heard about treatment of their horses is insane. There are people who don't deserve horses; but banning the sport isn't going to fix that.

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Name: Mary Cummins Animal Advocates

Date Submitted: 12/07/2023 12:26 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: Mary Cummins Animal Advocates RE: Public Comment supporting item 20-1575 Proposed Rodeo Ban. I'm a Latina registered to vote in Los Angeles. My family is from Mexico family name Rivera. I was born in Los Angeles. We owned a horse ranch in Mexico and the US. I went to rodeos growing up. I speak English and Spanish and am heavily involved in Mexican cultural traditions and events. I'm also President of Animal Advocates. We worked with the City of Los Angeles to get the current wildlife policy passed in 2004. We worked with Los Angeles County to get an amendment to allow wildlife rehabilitation in 2006. I also went through the Police Academy and Humane Academy to become a Humane Officer to help enforce animal cruelty regulations. I've witnessed first hand the cruelty of rodeos and charreada events. Animals are roped, their necks violently yanked while they are thrown to the ground and hog tied. Broncos and bulls violently try to throw off riders sometimes severely injuring their necks and backs even fatally. People chase a wild pig grabbing and throwing it violently to the ground injuring it. Animals are traumatized, injured and sometimes even killed. People including children are also traumatized and injured watching and participating in these events. Some participants are as young as only four years old. Some children involved in "mutton busting" i.e. wild sheep riding, have been severely injured as have been the sheep. Bull fighting used to be legal. It was a traditional cultural event in Spain, Mexico and Los Angeles. Today it's banned in most parts of the world because it's violent and cruel. When they banned the actual bull fights they maintained the rest of the event which was mariachi singers, dancers, horses walking in unison with riders in beautiful cultural dress, traditional food, drinks and much more. The venues maintained their businesses and incomes and no animals, participants or viewers were harmed. These specific rodeo, charrería events should be banned in the city of Los Angeles no matter who is doing them. Here is the definition of each charrería event for those who don't know. They are the same exact events as American, Native American rodeos. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charrer%C3%ADa> No one group should get a pass on animal cruelty. That would be discrimination. Many cultural and traditional activities are

outlawed today for good reason such as slavery, bull fighting and human sacrifice. Please, pass the ban on rodeo activity involving animals. Thank you. Sincerely, Mary Cummins President
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Communication from Public

Name: Stephanie Lopez

Date Submitted: 12/08/2023 10:53 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: I urge the L.A. City Council to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding. The proposed ban doesn't understand our sport at all. We are true caretakers of animals, who are born to buck, get great care, and live a long life. Our sport isn't "harmful" or "inhumane" as supporters of the ban would like you to believe. The ban also takes away a critical part of the culture and tradition of Western sports, which includes people of all backgrounds. Once again, I urge you to OPPOSE the Ban on Rodeo and Bull Riding.

Communication from Public

Name: Paul Bowman

Date Submitted: 12/09/2023 08:01 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: As a former rodeo cowboy, I cannot adequately express my love for our great American sport! Rodeo embodies teamwork, leadership, grit, determination, compassion, camaraderie, caring for one's fellow competitors as well as our animal partners, and builds lifelong friendships. And, yes, I said animal partners. They are in every sense athletes, and equal partners in and out of the arena. They're treated better than household pets. They're well fed, groomed, pampered, and, yes, loved and even revered for their God-given abilities and athleticism. There's no sport that represents America like rodeo. It's a throwback to a simpler time where people meant what they said, and had respect for God and country. Is it a tough sport? Yes, it is; but so is football, and yet, there's no city that I'm aware of trying to eliminate it from the public's consciousness, like they are rodeo. I'm proud to have been a part of a great American legacy, that of the rodeo cowboy. I'm writing to you to beg for rodeo's life in your city! Thank you for your time. - Paul Bowman

Communication from Public

Name: Daniel

Date Submitted: 12/05/2023 08:46 PM

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Comments for Public Posting: To the LA city council: It has been brought to my attention as a Southern California resident that there is an intention of banning the American rodeo culture and practices. I understand the intention is to prevent animal cruelty and harm, but in the process it will harm many Californians and their culture, particularly those of Mexican descent where charrería is a significant aspect to the culture. I find it quite discriminatory that these laws apply only to these sort of activities where many of them have this as their livelihood and would be less likely to harm their precious beings. Yet, it seems that none of these laws would affect other wealthier American sports like Polo. An act like this appears to rather discriminate the working class communities of Southern California and a deeply engraved culture that can surely be wiped out by a political move like this. Speaking from Orange County, I stand up with those whose lives in Los Angeles would be affected because an act like this in one place can pose a threat to our rights elsewhere!

Communication from Public

Name: Audrey

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Comments for Public Posting: Rodeos are not cruelty, as any harm that comes to the animals is unintentional. They are well cared for outside the ring. Please stand up to the extremists.

Communication from Public

Name: Robin Foley

Date Submitted: 12/10/2023 10:10 AM

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Comments for Public Posting: The city of LA is currently trying to ban/criminalize rodeo. Rodeo is one of the oldest sports know and is still some peoples livelyhood. By passing this vote you are dirrectly Discriminating against the people who rely on their working horses for work and blatently targeting the working class horse community, which is Racist against a communty that is predominately hispanic. You are also ignoring the higher class horse events like polo and dressage, and allowing these sports to still opperate. We have to help stand up for our horse community! ! ??????????????