

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Mark Jerde

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**Comments for Public Posting:** Horses and events with horses have been around since the very beginning. Anyone that owns an animal of any kind takes pride and care in their animal. Being involved in the rodeo industry for years I do not see the abuse that the animal rights activists say exists. What a great day it would be if these same activists were this concerned for human life. These activists need to be stopped in short order. We need to hear from the majority not the minority.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** Gina Hall

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**Comments for Public Posting:** This ban is the result of uninformed and uneducated people who imposed a ban based upon their ideology rather than the facts and the reality that exists. These people have never worked one on one with a large animal working in tandem and relationship where both animal and human are working for a common goal. These animal athletes are better cared for than the human athletes and they work for two to 18 seconds depending on the event. The majority of the animals like their jobs and the best animals love their jobs, garner satisfaction and purpose from their jobs, just as the human athletes do. If you have never witnessed a barrel racing horse prance out of the arena after making a good run, or the sparkle in a bronc's eye after trying their hardest and giving it their all for eight seconds, then you have no idea what rodeo is about and have no business issuing a ban. Rodeo goes back to the old west, and not only is it a highly disciplined athletic event for both animal and human, but a way of life. Rodeo is the display of a way of life that our society at large has moved away from with city life and as people get further and further from this way of life, rodeo will become more and more popular, as it is now, as people want to hang onto the foundation of this country. Rodeo captures the spirit of the old west and that spirit still exists in the cowboys and cowgirls as well as the animals. The tough, gritty, God fearing people who made this country great, who transcend race and skin color. Rodeo athletes and their animals are the epitome of what is needed more than ever in this country for it to survive.

## Communication from Public

**Name:** F.J. Thomas

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**Comments for Public Posting:** The way this ordinance was purposely constructed it is clear that the true intent is to ban all horseback riding, not just rodeo. Rowels and tie downs are used by more than just rodeo, and bucking/flank strap does no more than a girth does. It's obvious the people behind this ordinance have no ranching or livestock experience whatsoever and don't even understand the equipment being banned. This is being done under the guise of "animal welfare" and yet you're not concerned enough to have a plan to figure out what happens to the animals if their owners can't make money to feed them anymore... and I bet you don't have room for 10 head of bulls and 10 head of bucking horses in your backyard either.