

Communication from Public

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Comments for Public Posting: Banning rodeos is a terrible idea. Animals used in rodeo are prize possessions and well cared for. Many are worth so much that they are insured by their owners! Imagine working 5-10 minutes per year, receiving top medical care and top quality nutrition. Welcome to the life of professional rodeo animals! There is no room for concern for their welfare - why would you NOT take care of something that your living relies on? Take all emotion out and common sense still says these animals will be treated well. These animals are naturally bred to buck, just as many animals are bred to naturally run, herd cattle, retrieve water fowl, track a scent, etc. They also have a much less developed nervous system than humans or many other animals. If anything, a flank strap might 'tickle' an animal! Any tack or equipment used would not be tolerated if it were truly harmful to the animals, for reasons already stated. Rodeo is an honest sport that honors the heritage of our entire nation and especially, the western United States. It is one of the few wholesome entertainment options left for families. Take a look at the decent, respectable dress code required by the athletes. Observe the event start with the national anthem and tribute to the flag, and maybe even a prayer to the good man upstairs who provides for us all. Watch the way people treat each other at this sporting event with respect, compared to so many others. The values you'll see at a rodeo are those that the urban population is starving for. Banning rodeo starts a dangerous precedent to ban anything relating to agriculture in LA and soon, the rest of the United States. Agriculturists feed us all and deserve our respect and appreciation. Do not vilify those that sacrifice so much to give you all the safest, most affordable, most abundant food supply in the world! Keep rodeo and related activities in Los Angeles.